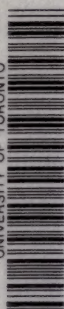


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PREFACE

THIS volume, extending from March 27, 1728, to Dec. 8, 1731, covers three and a half years of Hearne's life, and leaves as much more for a concluding volume. During this period Hearne lost some of his best friends—Dr. Stratford of Christ Church (p. 128), Mr. Whiteside of the Ashmolean (p. 190), and Mr. Graves of Mickleton (p. 182); he also lost two of his enemies, Bishop White Kennett (p. 80) and Joseph Bowles (p. 207), and he made a new enemy in the Rev. J. Lewis of Margate (p. 100 and *passim*). Among the letters, the account of Maryland by B. L. Calvert will be interesting to many. Towards the end of this period Hearne suffered much annoyance at the hands of his enemies, owing to a letter which he wrote many years before to Mr. Cherry, giving his reasons for taking the Oath of Allegiance. By accident this became the property of the Bodleian, when Mrs. Cherry, by the advice of Samuel Parker, gave to the Bodleian the manuscripts of her late husband. Hearne made efforts to recover his letter, but without success; and his enemies printed it. As every one knew that Hearne had taken the Oath of Allegiance, which was necessary if a man was to obtain a degree, but had refused the Oath of Abjuration, the letter could do him no harm; but he was annoyed, and for the future could not speak well of Mrs. Cherry or Samuel Parker, who were the innocent causes of his trouble.

The works that Hearne produced during this time were: (1) *The Black Book of the Exchequer*, 2 vols., issued at the end of Jan., 1729 (p. 89); (2) *Trokelowe's Annals, &c.*, 2 vols., issued soon after Jan. 23, 1730 (p. 230); (3) Key's *Vindiciae Antiquitatis Universitatis Oxoniae*, 2 vols., consisting mainly of miscellaneous materials, issued in Feb. 1731 (p. 382).

Something was said in the Preface to the last volume about the income which Hearne derived from his publications. In this connexion it may be well to print the following account¹ of Hearne's expenditure when he issued the two volumes of Key's *Vindiciae*. It will be noticed that

¹ Rawl. MS. Q. e. 18.

it amounted to £122 4s. 0½d., but this included a large payment of £45 10s. 0d. for paper, which was evidently more than was needed for the one work he was printing. His receipts were £210, if all the copies that he printed were sold. It will be noticed that it was the custom to give drink and tobacco, when the printing was begun, and that a shilling was given when the letter O was reached in each alphabet. It was Hearne's custom to use two letters for each sheet, one on the first and the other on the ninth page, perhaps that it might seem that the book was a quarto; the result was that an alphabet served for only eleven and a half sheets, and the two volumes of Key's *Vindiciae* ran into the fifth alphabet. The list of subscribers, with which the manuscript ends, adds nothing to the names that are printed in Hearne's publications, but it illustrates Hearne's method of working, and shows the difficulty of collecting debts and of distributing the books.

Jan. 28, 1730, Wedn.; began to work off Key's *Vindiciae*, the first Form being then wrought, viz. 50 large & 100 small with two bad small, in all 150 good ones, besides the two bad ones.

Feb. 17, 1731, Wedn.; began to work off Hemingford, the first Form being then wrought, viz. 50 large & 100 small with two bad small, in all 150 good ones, besides the two bad ones.

Mar. 13, 1731, Mon.; began the 4th Form of Thomas Otterbourne worked off in my presence, viz. 100 small with the two bad ones, and 50 large.

Feb. 26, 1733, Mon.; first form of The Chronicle of Dunstaple worked off.

Mar. 13, 1733, Wedn.; ordered Mr. Brookland to work off forty-six large and ninety small Paper Copies of Benedictus Abbas, besides two bad small Paper Copies, the price 23 s. per sheet.

Apr. 28, 1735, Mon.; ordered Mr. Brookland to work off forty large & four-score small Paper Copies of Joannis Beveri Chronicon, besides two bad small Paper Copies, the price 23 s. per sheet.

Feb. 27, 1739.

Paid to Mr. Hanley, my Bookbinder, for the following Particulars, viz.

For sowing 204 small Copies of Caius (reckoning 102 to each Volume) at 3 ^d apiece	£	s.	d.
	2	11	0
For sowing 100 large Copies of Caius (reckoning 50 to each Volume)	1	5	0
Gave him at the same time twelve pence for conveying Books from the Printing House & twelve pence to his son	2	0	
	3	18	0

Mar. 1, 1730. A pound and half of Packthread	1	3	
Two pencils		6	
A shilling at Shepherd's at packing and a penny to the boy	1	1	
Mar. 2. A shilling at Shepherd's at carrying out books and a penny to the boy	1	1	
Gave Mr. Hanley 5/- (at 2/6 per diem) for carrying books out two days	5	0	

Charges for Key's Vindiciae.

Jan. 28, 1730.	To the Pressmen in drink at working off the first Form	£	s.	d.
			3	6
	Item for Tobacco			1½
	To the Boy		0	1
Mar. 11, 1730.	O, in the first Alphabet, one shilling		1	0
Apr. 14, 1730.	Paid to Mr. Brookland £13 4. 6. for composing, working off, &c., the first Alphabet of Thomae Caii Vindiciae (at £1 3. 6. per sheet) the said Alphabet being 11½ sheets	13	4	6
	Paid him at the same time 9/7 for reading the said first Alphabet, or 11½ sheets, at ten pence per sheet		9	7
		13	14	1
June 6, 1730.	Paid him Oo in the second Alphabet		1	0
July 3, 1730.	Paid to Mr. Brookland £13 4. 6. for composing, working off, &c., the second Alphabet of Thomae Caii Vindiciae, being 11½ sheets	13	4	6
	Paid him for reading the said second Alphabet		9	7
		13	14	1
Aug. 13, 1730.	For Ooo		1	0
Sept. 12, 1730.	Paid to Mr. Brookland £13 14. 1. for printing and reading the third Alphabet of Thomas Key	13	14	1
Oct. 11, 1730.	Oooo		1	0
Nov. 5, 1730.	Paid to Mr. Brookland £13 14. 1. for printing and reading the fourth Alphabet of Thomas Key	13	14	1
Dec. 9, 1730.	Paid for Carriage and Wharfidge of Paper		9	8
	And to a Boy for assisting in the Carriage			3
	And to Mr. Brookland to drink			10
	Cartidge (to a Woman) from the Wharf			6
Jan. 4, 1730.	Paid for Paper	45	10	0
Feb. 2, 1730.	Paid little o		1	0
Feb. 4, 1730.	Paid to Mr. Brookland £14 19/- for composing, working off, &c. the last 13 sheets, viz. 6½ sheets at the beginning and 6¼ sheets at the end, at 23/- per sheet	14	19	0
	Paid him for reading the said 13 sheets		10	10
	For receipts and advertisements		2	6
	Copy Money for the Press men		8	0
	Copy Money for himself		8	0
		16	8	4

Received by me, Joseph Brookland.

Gave him half a Crown to drink.

Subscribers to Key's Vindiciae.

Jan. 29, 1730.	Mr. Francis Taylor of Univ. Coll., 1 small, pd.	1	1	0
Feb. 9, 1730.	From Mr. Baker of Cambridge, who sent it to Mr. Thomas Bedford, who sent it by Godfrey the Waggoner:—			
	Dr. Middleton, one small, pd.	1	1	0
	Dr. Baker, one small, pd.	1	1	0
	Dr. Dickens, Regius Prof. of Law at Cambr., one small, pd.	1	1	0
	Dr. Zach. Grey, one small, pd.	1	1	0
	Mr. Thomas Baker of Cambridge, one small, pd.	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Dr. Matthew Brailesford, one small, pd.	1	1	0
Peter Davis, Esq., Recorder of Wells, one small, pd.	1	1	0
Mr. Archdeacon Archer, one small, pd.	1	1	0
Mr. John Tottenham, of Lincoln College, one small, pd.	1	1	0
(These four paid by Mr. Tottenham, Feb. 25, 1738.)			
Feb. 17, 1738. Mr. Sheldon of Weston, one small; paid by Mr. Wilmot of Oxford, bookseller	1	1	0
Feb. 18, 1738. Mr. Allen, Rector of Murston in Kent, desires two small, in his letter of Feb. 16, 1738.			
Feb. 19, 1729. These paid in full by Mr. Richard Clements:—			
Sir Ch. Mordaunt, 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Rob. Woodford, 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Bp. of Waterford, 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Dr. Clarke, 1 large, pd.	2	2	0
Mr. Griffin, 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Ric. Topham, Esq., 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Feb. 19, 1738. Dr. Frewin, one small, pd.	1	1	0
Feb. 20, 1738. Sir Henry Sloane, 3 small, pd. by Godfrey	3	3	0
Feb. 21. Five guineas by Godfrey from Mr. John Murray, see below under Ap. 18.			
Feb. 23. Paid by Tho. Godfrey from Mr. Tho. Bedford of London:—			
Dr. Ric. Rawlinson, 1 large, pd. 2 guineas.			
Thos. Bowdler, Esq., 2 small, pd. 2 guineas.			
Edw. Collingwood, Esq., 1 large, pd. 2 guineas.			
Deduct for 2 Letters 5d., & sending for the parcel 2d.	6	5	5
The same day, Arthur Van Sittart, Esq., one large; pd. by Godfrey	2	2	0
Feb. 25. Mr. Vesey of Linc. Coll., one large for the Coll. Library, pd.	2	2	0
The said Mr. Vesey, one small for himself, pd.	1	1	0
Sam. Mead, Esq., 2 large and 1 small. Bespoke by Letter from Lincoln's Inn, Feb. 24, 1738. Paid Jan. 18, 1739.	5	5	0
Feb. 27, 1738. Sir Anthony Wescombe, 1 sm., pd. by Godfrey	1	1	0
Feb. 28. Mr. Carte, 1 small, paid by Godfrey. See my other book	1	1	0
Mar. 3. Mr. Serjeant Skinner, Recorder of the City of Oxford, one small, pd.	1	1	0
Thos. Frewin, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, one sm., pd. by Mr. Recorder Skinner	1	1	0
Mar. 5. Received from Mr. Tho. Bedford by Godfrey £7 2. 3., which with 4/6 for an advertisement and 3 ^d for one letter makes seven guineas, which are in full for the following subscriptions:—			
Mr. Geo. Smith, 1 sm.	1	1	0
The Rev. Mr. Harbin, 1 sm.	1	1	0
The Rt. Hon. Thomas Lord Foley, 1 large	2	2	0
The Rev. Mr. Creyke, 1 sm.	1	1	0
Martin Folkes, Esq., 1 large	2	2	0
John Loveday, Gent. Com. of Magd. Coll., Esq., 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Mar. 7. Martin Wright of the Inner Temple, Esq., 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Mar. 8. Mr. Holwell of Exeter, 1 sm., bespoke by Mr. Foulkes of X ^t Ch.			
Mar. 12. John Strachey of Sutton Court in Somersetshire, Esq., 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Francis Canning, of Foxcote in Warwickshire, Esq., 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0

Mar. 13. John Worthington, M.A., 1 sm.; pd. Apr. 25, 1730,	£	s.	d.
the money being brought by Godfrey	1	1	0
Mar. 14, 1730. Beauprè Bell, Esq., 1 sm., paid by M ^{rs} . Fletcher of Oxford, bookseller, by order of M ^r . Abram Vandenhoecq of London, bookseller	1	1	0
Mar. 16. From D ^r . Girdler by the Rev. M ^r . Peers of Faringdon, a guinea and an half, which with half a guinea I owed the D ^r . makes two guineas for two copies small paper, one of which for D ^r . Worth of Dublin	2	2	0
Mar. 18. Roger Gale, Esq., 1 sm., pd. by M ^r . Heming	1	1	0
Mar. 30, 1730. M ^r . W ^m Webber of Exeter, 1 sm., pd. by M ^r . Sandford of Balliol	1	1	0
M ^r . Sandford, Bach. of Div. of Ball. Coll., 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Apr. 2, 1730. Justinian Isham, Esq., 1 sm., pd. by M ^r . Isham of Linc. Coll.	1	1	0
Apr. 3, 1730. W ^m Inge of Thorpe Constantine, Esq., 1 large, by M ^r . Sam. Martin of Oriel Coll., to be delivered to M ^r . Yar- borough of Brasennose, or else to M ^r . Inge's son	2	2	0
Apr. 8, 1730. M ^r . Levett, one large, to be delivered to the War- den of All Souls, M ^r . Niblett, who said then (for I met him by M ^r . Clements's) that he would pay for this upon delivery & all for the future for M ^r . Levett			
Apr. 10. James Joye, Esq., in Oxon. at my room, & desired one large, and at the same time gave me a copy of Guy's last will & testament, w ^{ch} he promised me without delay. This is M ^r . Joye's wedding day, he being married to his wife M ^{rs} . Mary Jeffs. He paid me at the same time two guineas in full for one copy of Thomas Key in large paper	2	2	0
Apr. 18, 1730. Nicholas Corsellis of Layer Marney near Kelvedon in Essex, Esq., 1 sm., pd. by M ^r . Tho. Bedford, who sent it by M ^r . Tho. Godfrey	1	1	0
M ^r . John Murray, three guineas paid me by M ^r . Thomas Godfrey. M ^r . Murray sent it Apr. 15, as by his letter of that date from London. These three guineas with the five I received before on Feb. 21 make eight guineas and are in full for these subscriptions, viz.			
D ^r . Crowe, 1 large	2	2	0
M ^r . Richardson, 1 large	2	2	0
Lord Coleraine, 1 small	1	1	0
M ^r . Luttrell, 1 small	1	1	0
M ^r . Clavell, 1 small	1	1	0
M ^r . Murray, 1 small	1	1	0
M ^r . Murray, in the same letter of Apr. 15, desires M ^r . Anstis may be put down for one small & he will be accountable for it by the next opportunity. [It was paid me by M ^r . Murray, who sent it by Godfrey, July 18, 1730]	1	1	0
Thomas Rawlins, Esq., in his letter from Stratford-upon- Avon, Apr. 16, desires one small. Pd. by M ^r . Taylor of Univ. Coll., July 20	1	1	0
Apr. 27. D ^r . John Thorpe of Rochester, 1 sm., pd. by a young Gent. of Univ. Coll.	1	1	0
May 7, 1730. Edward Acton, LL.B., rector of Bentworth in Hampshire and Chaplain to the Rt. Hon. Talbot, Earl of Essex. His Letter, May 1, 1730, from Bentworth			
May 25, 1730. The Rev. M ^r . George Coningsby, M.A. & Rector of Bodenham in Herefordshire, 1 sm., pd. all by M ^r . Godfrey	1	1	0
Rev. M ^r . Godwyn of Ball. Coll., pd. all	1	1	0

May 27, 1730.	Mr. Ric. Sandford, B.D., Fellow of Ball. Coll.,	£	s.	d.
	1 sm., pd. all	1	1	0
June 10, 1730.	Mr. James West, 1 large			
	Mr. Thomas Granger, 1 small			
	Bespoke by Mr. West in his letter of that date. [Paid by			
	Mr. West, July 17]	3	3	0
July 6, 1730.	Mr. Prowse of X ^t Ch., 1 sm., pd. by Mr. Ruddal			
	at Mr. Wilmot's	1	1	0
July 20, 1730.	Dr. Charles Kimberley, M.D. of Northampton,			
	1 sm., pd. all	1	1	0
July 28, 1730.	Mr. Fletcher Gyles of London, bookseller, 5 small,			
	paid by the widow Fletcher of Oxford	5	5	0
Aug. 21.	The Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq., one large, pd. by			
	Godfrey	2	2	0
Aug. 25.	Mr. W ^m Brome, one large, pd. by Rev. Dr. Stapylton,			
	with half a Crown Mr. Brome owed me for binding of Trokelowe	2	4	6
Sept. 5.	Six guineas from the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq.,			
	received by Mr. Godfrey for two large and two small	6	6	0
Sept. 15.	Mr. Charles Davis of London, bookseller, 1 small, pd.	1	1	0
Oct. 3.	The Hon. Sir John Evelyn, Bart., 1 small.			
	Thomas Bryan, Esq., 1 small.			
	Sam. Gale, Esq., 1 small.			
	All bespoke by Sam. Gale, Esq. in his letter of Sept. 8.			
Oct. 11.	Mr. Hen. Layng, rector of Paulerspury in Northants,			
	1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Dec. 5.	Smart Lethieullier, Esq., F.R.S.			
	Robert New, of the Middle Temple, Gent.			
	Both bespoke by Mr. West, who desires in his letter of that			
	date their books may be sent to him and he will send me their			
	money.			
Dec. 15.	From Dr. Ralph Bridges by Mr. Tho. Godfrey :			
	Lord Pembroke, 1 large, pd.	2	2	0
	Thomas Sclater Bacon, Esq., 1 large, pd.	2	2	0
	Sir Clement Cottrell, 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
	Dr. Ralph Bridges, 1 sm., pd.	1	1	0
Dec. 17.	The Rev. Mr. John Hotchkin, rector of Abbats Ripton			
	in Hunts., 1 sm., bespoke in his letter of Dec. 14. [Paid by			
	Godfrey Jan. 16]	1	1	0
Dec. 24.	Christopher Wren, Esq., F.R.S., 1 sm.; paid nothing ;			
	Mr. Bateman of X ^t Ch.			
Jan. 28, 1734.	From Dr. Mead, twelve guineas by Mr. Rolleston ;			
	viz. three for four copies of Trokelowe, which I desired he			
	would be pleased to accept, and nine for subscriptions in full for			
	Caius, as follows—			
	Duke of Newcastle, 1 large	2	2	0
	Sir Roger Mostyn, 1 large	2	2	0
	Richard Mostyn, Esq., 1 large	2	2	0
	Dr. Goodman, 1 large	2	2	0
	Dr. Rich. Tyson, 1 small	1	1	0
	Edward Leedes, Esq., 1 small, bespoke by Mr. James West			
	in his letter of Feb. 2, 1734, but 'twas too late to be printed.			
April 20, 1734.	Mr. Turvin, one small from Mr. John Clarke of			
	London, bookseller, by the Rev. — of Queen's, paid. It was			
	a book that another should have had, but he failed.			

A few corrections to Vol. IX have been kindly supplied by J. Challenor Smith, Esq., F.S.A., who points out that on p. 225, l. 46, *Manduit* should be *Mauduit*, and in the next line *Westbornedon* should be *Westhornedon*; on p. 226, l. 3, a note should be added that *Robert Halstead* was a pseudonym for the Earl of Peterborough (see Cokayne's *Peerage*, vi. 244); the first line of the inscription on p. 9 is apparently PVR · LALME · IOHAN and the last line ET · TREIE · IVRS · DE · [PARDON].

H. SALTER.

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THOMAS HEARNE.

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March 27 (Wed.). Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., hath lent me a little Q^{to} MS. of twenty pages in paper, intit. *A relation of the carriage of the marriage that should have bin made between the Prince of England and the Infanta major, and also after with the yonger Infanta.* This was anno 1611. The name of the elder Infanta was Anna, mentioned in this little MS. more than once by the name of the Lady Anna. The King of Spain insisted peremptorily that the Prince should be a Roman Catholick, nor would the Pope dispense with it. This could not be complied with, so that this occasioned the miscarriage of the Match. This MS. is not Mr. Ward's own.

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March 28 (Thur.). On Monday last died in St. Clement's, near Oxford, Mrs. Jenny Newton, the wife of Mr. David Jordan, a Barbour, a handsome Fellow, but she always went by her maiden name Newton. She was near forty years of age, if not quite so, and when young she was very handsome, and lived with her mother at a little house at Holy Well, wh^{ch} from thence was called Newton's Well. This Jenny Newton, being very handsome, proved a great Whore, and was so afflicted with the Pox that her nose was quite off, so that she hath kept in several years. Among others that used her body was the late old Mr. Josiah Pullen, vice-Principal of Magd. Hall, who used to give her a great deal of money ²⁰ upon that account, as did also the late Michael Burghers, the University Engraver. She was buried last night at Holywell.

March 29 (Fri.). Mr. Ward, of Warwick, hath lent me (what he borrowed also himself) large Political Tables, being an oblong fol. MS. in Paper, wh^{ch} I have just run over, finding nothing in them to my purpose. Mr. Ward himself hath indorsed them *Pseudo-Utopia*.

March 30 (Sat.). Dr. Stanhope, Dean of Canterbury, died very lately. He was a man of good Learning and Piety, and wrote and published

March 29, 1728. H. to R. Levett (Rawl. 27 C. 30, *draft*). Mr. Ives 'upon sight of your letter' [see March 10] has paid for a copy of Thomas Elmham, and taken it.

several Books, and was, as I am told, very charitable to the Poor. He complied, yet I am informed loved a Non-juror, and he might have been a Bishop long since, would he have done some very mean Things, such as are the common Practices of this age.

March 31 (Sun.). The Rev. Mr. John Slade, M.A., and Lecturer of St. Laurence's Church in Reading, hath printed a sermon in 4^{to}, preached and printed at Reading against Mr. Fr. Fox's Assize sermon, in w^{ch} Mr. Fox hath advanced odd heterodox notions in behalf of Presbyterians, &c., w^{ch} Assize sermon it seems Mr. Fox had preached before at Reading, at 10 w^{ch} time 'twas found fault with by Mr. Slade & others, & when Fox preached it at the Assizes at Abbingdon, he made no Alterations, only added two or three Things for the occasion. Mr. Slade hath prefixed some Letters passed between him and Fox, by w^{ch} it appears that Fox cannot defend his Sermon, waving both a personal Conference & a Dispute in writing with Mr. Slade, who justly observes that Mr. Fox is an Hypocrite, giving several Instances of it, and I could myself add many to the number, were it my business.

April 1 (Mon.). Browne Willis, Esq., being in Oxon., last night he spent the evening with a great number of us in Cat Street. He is now 20 collecting Things about all the Wakes or Feasts in Oxfordshire and some other Counties. He hath given the living of Bletchley to Mr. Martin Benson, Archdeacon of Berks., who is to resign it when Mr. Willis's son, now at New College school, comes to age. This Martin Benson is a most vile Whig & of no good Character. He will do any thing for Preferment, and therefore truly honest men avoid, as much as they can, Conversation with him. Mr. Willis hath now made a worse choice than he did before of Dr. Wells.

April 2 (Tu.). Last night I spent the evening with Dr. Tanner and Mr. Whiteside at Dr. Tanner's Lodging at X^t Church. No one else was 30 there, except Mr. B. Willis, who came in and was busy in discourse about Wakes and I know not what, with reference to a Book he is about, relating to the Diocess (*sic*) of Lincoln, w^{ch} will, like his other Things (excepting what some body else took care of), be a meer indigested unaccurate Rhapsody.

Dr. Tanner hath disoblged both sides by his proroguing the Convocation lately without the usual Form. This is cowardice, and will tend much to the Dr's. disgrace.

Br. Willis designs to dedicate his Book to both the Universities.

A. Wood, when in his last illness, being a suppression of Urine, went 40 down to Merton Coll. church, and shewed the very place where he would be buried.

He was speechless a day or two, but made a motion with his Arm to have certain Papers burnt.

Dr. Tanner gives no satisfactory account why the Antiq. of Oxon. (the English Copy I mean) was detained from the Mus. Ashmoleanum. It is now in the School Tower among the Univ. muniments.

Dr. Tanner said Anderson's 4 vols. in 4^{to} about the Q. of Scots are published.

April 3 (Wed.). Yesterday the following Querie (weh came from Dublin) was put into my Hands: Whether one Ryres (Brother to Sir W^m Ryres, who was great-grandfather to the present Mr. Ryres, of Dublin) did not dye head of a College in Oxford, & leave by will to that College or University a considerable estate lying near it, with a Road running through the estate, which is called Ryres's Road.

I do not remember to have heard of any such Thing. To enquire of Mr. Baker, whether he hath, or whether there be any Thing like it at Cambridge.

April 4 (Thur.). When we were with Dr. Tanner the other night, ¹⁰ the Dr. said that the MS. of the English copy of Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon., now in the School Tower, most certainly belongs to the Ashm. Museum, being that very book mentioned at the beginning of the printed Catalogue of the MSS. to be in that Place, so that (according to this account) Dr. Charlett, as well as Dr. Tanner too himself, both of them being Trustees, must have acted the knavish part in keeping it from that Place, and at last in letting the late Dr. Gardiner have it for the School Tower, to be kept only for the private use of the respective Keepers of that Place, that least [*sic*] they should not understand Latin enough (the printed book being in Latin) they may be assisted by this Book. ²⁰

Browne Willis, when he was this last time in Oxford, told us publicly last Sunday night, when there was a great number of us together in Cat-street, that Dr. White Kennett, B^p of Peterborough, lends him all his Collections, and that he extracts from them what he pleases.

Mr. W^m Slyford (as Mr. Willis said on Mond. night last) hath sold his Pension for life of 40 lbs. per an., left him by the late John Bridges, Esq.

Monachi de Wallop mentioned in the Black Book under Lincolnshire. I know not what this Wallop should be, unless Welhoue.

April 5 (Fri.). There is a monument in Bletchly church, com. Buck., to Mr. B. Willis's Lady, who was a fine ingenious Woman. ³⁰

Mr. Ward, of Warwick, hath a very imperfect Parchment Survey of all the Lands & Estate belonging to St. John's Hospital at Coventre. It is ancient. He borrowed it of a Friend, & he sent it me to peruse. It may be of good service to such as write of the Place. I think Sir W^m Dugdale had not met with it. It is of Hen. VI's time.

April 6 (Sat.). About 3 Weeks since, young Mr. Hales left St. John's College without so much as taking leave of any one, or giving the least notice thereof to any one of his acquaintance in Oxford. The reason I cannot yet learn.

Yesterday two men, condemned this Lent Assizes, were hanged at ⁴⁰ Oxford Castle, one of weh was one Caucot, who came out of a very unfortunate family. His Father, or else Grandfather, was hanged at Oxford about 30 years ago, & he hath a Brother now in Newgate,¹

April 3, 1728. H. to [E. P. Gwyn] (Rawl. 6. 169, draft). Would be glad to see the MS. of Gervase of Tilbury. A bovate was generally 13 acres in the north, but their acres were often larger than acres in the south.

¹ Who was since brought to Oxford, tryed there, condemned and hanged this summer Assizes 1728.

& several of them besides have come to ill ends. He, as the rest of them, was born & lived at a Place called Caucot, by Upper Heyford, in Oxfordshire, where, viz., at Caucot, he was a Farmer. The other now hanged was one Williams near the same Place.

April 7 (Sun.). Mr. Francis Bromley, of Xt Ch., admitted M.A. Friday last. He is presented by his father, the Hon. W^m Bromley, Esq., to the Living of Oxhill in Warwickshire.

Out of Mr. Ward's above-mentioned MS. of St. John's Hospital, Coventre.
Erdebury.

- 10 Item Prior & conventus de Erdebury tenentur reddere hospitali predicto xviii^d. annuallis redditus infra octavam sancti Michaelis sub pena vii^s. viii^d. solvend' infirmis dicti hospitalis; quem quidem redditum Adam de Napton' dedit & assignavit dicto hospitali ad emendum vinum ad officia divina celebranda in eodem hospitali; pro illa terra in Weston', quam ipse Adam dedit dictis priori & conventui.

April 8 (Mon.). L^d Oxford hath rec^d his MS. of Elmham safe. This is the MS. I used in printing that Author, being sent me by Dr. Mead, to whom I returned it.

- L^d Oxford will look into his Library, whether there be anything
20 relating to the Black Book of the Exchequer. He thinks there is. What he finds he will let me know. He does not take the *Red Book* and the *Black Book* to be the same, but this he says is certain, that there are many things in one that are the same in the other. He thinks they should be compared.

NB. I have no opportunity of comparing them. The coronation of Q. Eleanor is in the Red Book, & so are some other Things that are not in the Black. I undertake the Black Book & 'tis not my Province to concern myself about the other.¹

- April 9 (Tu.).** Mr. Ward, of Warwick, hath lent me, he having
30 borrowed it, a single folio MS. sheet of Paper indorsed (tho' the thing be in French), *The Coppie of the remonstrance w^{ch} the Deputies of the States generall made to Queene Eliz. after she had first refused the Sovereignty of the Low Contries, Anno 1585.*

- On the 4th inst. Mr. West bid 1 lib. 5 s. for the Case (in Bibl. Rawl.) about Jonas Proast, but my L^d Oxford had it for 1 lib. 6 s. Mr. West hath read it over & does not find much in it. Dr. Finch printed it on Mr. Proast's appeal to the Archbp. It is not worth above 6d., it being reprinted in Tillotson's Life. But Mr. Proast's own case, drawn up by himself, is very well done & extreme scarce, w^{ch} I never yet saw in print,
40 tho' I am assured it hath been printed. It effectually carried the business for Mr. Proast, & Dr. Finch & his Friends were utterly confounded. [See Diary, Mar. 9, 1727⁷/₈.]

April 10 (Wed.). Mr. Ward, of Warwick, hath lent me a MS. sheet of Paper, w^{ch} he also borrowed, intit.: *Sir Edward Walker his humble*

¹ A note at the end of the volume:—Ap. 8, 1728, Monday, Mr. Lydal the Chirurgeon's boy hanged himself, 14 years of age.

Representation of the State of the Case touching the Renewing of the Charter of Incorporation of the Towne of Stratford upon Avon, in the County of Warwick, and how & for what Reasons he hath interested himself therein.

April 11 (Thur.). Mr. Ward, of Warwick, hath lent me a Paper MS. of two Sheets fol., ^{wh} he borrowed himself, intit.: *Sir John Elliott's Speech, beinge the last of the 8 of the howse of Commons that presented the grevances of the Kingdome to both howses of Parliament in the painted chamber.*

This Speech is directly levelled against the Duke of Buckingham. He is made to be the Original of all the Grievances. He is accused to be ¹⁰ ambitious, proud, luxurious, & what not.

Yesterday M^{rs}. Mary Musgrave (whose Maiden name was Prince) was brought to bed of her first Child, being a girl. (It was christened on Fri., Ap. 26 following.)

April 12 (Fri.). Dr. De Laune hath just published an 8^{vo} vol. of twelve Sermons, preached at several Places & upon different Occasions. Some of them had come out separately before. The Book is dedicated to the Earl of Abbingdon. The Dr. is deep in debt, and 'tis done to get money.

There is something, I am told, about Elmham in Elstob's (Saxon ²⁰ Homily) Notes, p. 44, & the Appendix, p. 34, &c.

Sir Philip Sydenham's books are offered to sale together at 3,000 libs. There is a printed Catalogue. Mr. Vertue hath engraved Sir Philip's Effigies.

On Tuesday, the 2^d inst., died Mr. Anderson, the Scotch Antiquary. He published 4 volumes in 4^{to}, relating to Mary Q. of Scots, about a month before, but his great History of Scotland, deduced from Charters, Seals, and coins, is left unfinished. He had made great Collections, and Mr. Sturt engraved 150 folio Copper Plates for the Work.

April 13 (Sat.). Yesterday, 2 Clock afternoon, was a Convocation, ³⁰ in ^{wh} a Letter from the Chancellour was read, that Dr. W^m Fullerton might have the Degree of Dr. of Physick conferred on him by Diploma, ^{wh} was granted, tho' with much opposition. The House was full, & Speeches were made against it, particularly by Dr. Matt Lee, a Physician of X^t Ch., by Mr. Oliver Battely, of X^t Ch., & by Mr. Burton, a Divine of Corpus X^{ti}, a busy man & always speeching of it in a very dull flat way in the Convocation House. There was nothing material in either of their speeches. As for Dr. Fullerton, who had been Dr. of Physicke beyond sea, & had had a License to practise Physick in London, where he now lives with his Wife, who was a good Fortune to him, he is a very ⁴⁰ honest worthy man and my particular Friend & acquaintance. He was one of those honest Gentlemen that were turned out of their Exhibitions

April 13, 1728. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 243). Acknowledges the receipt of eight guineas. Is glad to hear that M. designs to be in Oxford soon, and desires some conversation with him. 'Honest John Bagford's print hangs in my room, by the small-coal man's; I wish I had yours also.'

at Balliol College, because they would not take the diabolical Oaths & methinks neither Dr. Frewin (as he did also) nor Dr. Lee nor no Xt Church man should have opposed him, he being a particular and intimate acquaintance of the late honest Mr. John Urry, of Xt Church, for whom the Gentlemen of that house pretend to have had so much Esteem. But, it seems, Dr. John Freind, of London, was also hot against a degree being conferred upon him; I am sure for no good reason; but compliers will do any thing against honest men, notwithstanding upon occasion they pretend to be their Friends, and when it serves their Interest will
10 caress them.

Dr. Whitby died March 24, 1725, in the 88th year of his age. He was so strangely ignorant of and unacquainted with worldly Affairs, as is hardly credible. He imbibed several odd opinions. Mr. Dodwell and he were once great. There are 44 books of his printed, most of them polemical against the Roman Catholicks. He was a man of a low stature and very thin.

April 14 (Sun.). At the end of a Book Mr. West lately bought, intit. *The English Martyrologie*, by a Catholick Priest, 8^o, 1608, is a Catalogue of those who have suffered Death in Defence of the
20 Catholick Cause from 1535 to 1608 by J. W. Mr. West wants to know whether this be not Worthington's Catalogue, a copy of which I gave to Mr. Eyston, as I told Mr. West. NB. 'Tis not the same, Thomas Worthington's Catalogue being in Latin, and reaches from an. 1570 ad an. 1612.

April 15 (Mon.). Mr. Ward hath lent me a MS. sheet of Paper, wch he likewise borrowed, intit. *The meanes how to ballance our forreigne trade*. I wrote nothing from it.

April 16 (Tu.). I am told of a very large stone Coffin found on the West side of Dorchester Church in Oxfordshire. Mr. Day (one of the
30 sons of the late Farmer Day of that Place) sends me word of it, and says 'tis the Coffin I was some years ago looking after. I suppose he means Bp Æschwine's or else Birinus's. He wants me to go over, I having not seen him my self, but he sent me word by a Friend.

April 17 (Wed.). The News Papers mention the Death of Sir Harry Atkins, Bart. This young Gentleman (who was 24 or 25 years of age) was lately of Magd. Coll., Oxford, and married one of the Daughters (a very beautifull creature) of Sir John Stonehouse, of Radley, near Abbington in Berks. *Quere* what Issue she had by him. He was a man of but a shallow Capacity, but mighty good natured and wonderfully fond
40 of his said Lady, tho' she despised him, she being very proud, as her mother is also. He died of a Consumption.

April 18 (Thur.). Mr. Henry Stephens, formerly Fellow of Merton Coll., hath published an 8^{vo} Vol. of ten sermons, preached beyond sea at Oporto, against Popery, with a fulsome flattering Dedication to K.

April 18, 1728. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 194). Finds in his library two MSS., both by Simonds D'Ewes; the one is a copy of *Liber niger*

George II's Queen Carolina. He is a conceited man, as may plainly appear from these sermons.

Mr. Arthur Bedford, formerly M.A. of Brasnose Coll., now a minister Somersetshire, hath published an 8^{vo} Book just now against Sir Isaac Newton's Chronology. He is looked upon as a crazed man. He hath 1 elder Brother living in Oxford, in St. Giles's Parish, formerly a Glazier, now a Maulster, an ill-natured Fellow, and generally called (from his Fanatical Principles) Bedford the Presbyterian. The said Mr. Arthur Bedford (who took the Degree of M.A. on July 9, 1691) designs a Folio Book of Chronology for the Press.

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April 19 (Good Friday). On the 7th of this month, being Sunday (viz. A. D. 1728), died, at London, of a nervous Fever, my Friend and Acquaintance, Mr. Francis Philips, the youngest Brother of the late eminent Poët, Mr. John Philips. This Mr. Francis Philips (who, as his two surviving Brothers, Mr. Robert Philips and Mr. Stephen Philips are, was a Non-juror) followed the Common Law, and was good at conveyancing. He was a very ingenious man, as his other two Brothers, now living, likewise are.

April 20 (Sat.). From Mist's Journal for this day, Ap. 20, 1728.

Princess Amelia set out last Saturday to use the Waters at Bath, for the 20 Recovery of her Health. She is attended by the Countess of Pomfret and carried by 8 Chairmen by Turns, lay that night at Hampton Court, and the next at Dr. Freind's House near Maidenhead; on Monday went through Reading, where the Mayor and Corporation waited upon her Highness and made a Speech, wishing her a good Journey, benefit by the Bath, and a long Life.

April 21 (Easter Sun.). Mr. Ward, of Warwick, lately lent me a little MS. of five Leaves of Paper, the Author, T. B., dated 4 Maii, 1596, touching the League with France. Mr. Ward borrowed it of I know not whom. I perused it, but wrote nothing out of it.

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April 22 (Mon.). I heard Mr. Whiteside say lately that his Tutor, Mr. Hamer, of Brazenose coll., had Mr. Proast's Case, as drawn up by himself (i. e. Proast); that it was bound with other Things, but he knows not what became of it.

Mrs. Catherine Cooper (whose Maiden Name was Sherwin, she being Daughter to the late Mr. W^m Sherwin, yeoman Beadle of Div. of the University of Oxford) died about a Quarter of a year since in the Country (Cheshire), her husband having been dead several years before. She was about 50 years old, and when young was a very pretty little Woman. She had 8 Children (all sons, six whereof are living) by her Husband, 40 Mr. Cooper.

parvus Scaccarii ex parte Rememoratoris Regis, the other is extracts from the Red Book of the Exchequer. Will gladly lend them to H.

April 18, 1728. J. West to H. (Rawl. 17. 73). Is grateful for the information about 'Dr. Finch's Case'. Has bought a fine copy of the first edition of Fox's *Book of Martyrs*. Sir Philip Sydenham's books are Divinity for the greatest part. 'Wont you go to see Mr. Baker, now the King will be at Cambridge?'

April 23 (Tu.). I am told that Dr. Sammon is now proceeding with his Account of the Roman Stations in Britain, and that his Paper is to come out monthly. I have two Parts, published before the Death of the late Earl of Winchelsea, but these were not monthly Things. Mr. Sammon follows Dr. Stuckley in whims, and for that reason is not approved of.

Ric. Thornton, Esq., had a Copy of the Red Book of the Exchequer; see Thoresby's Antiq. of Leedes, p. 175.

April 24 (Wed.). Tho' Dr. Charlett used to say that Mr. Locke, while of the University, he having been student of Christ Church, was in
10 the Coffee House and in other Companies modest, reserved, and of very few Words, yet the contrary appears to me from what Mr. A. Wood writes of him in his (the said Mr. Wood's) MS. Life, lent me by Dr. Tanner, whence I gather that Mr. Locke was very proud and clamorous, and scorned almost to be taught by his betters, or at least to take notes (as others of equal, if not superior, worth did) when he went through a Course of Chemistry, carried on in Oxford by a most eminent Master, one of the scholars in which Course was Mr. Wood himself.

April 25 (Thur.). The Scottish Gentleman, who goes under the Name of White, and put out Proposals for printing *Juliani Caesares*, told
20 me some time since, that he intends to publish Buchanan's History in English with Improvements, the Translations we have already, he said, being very erroneous. I am told the true name of this Gentleman is not White.

April 26 (Fri.). Mr. Chishull hath published in folio the first Part of his Asiatic Inscriptions, with a Latin Translation and a Commentary. I have not yet seen this Book. The Inscriptions are of value, but as for Chishull's Commentary, no great matter is to be expected from it, he being a confident conceited Writer, and but heavy and injudicious.

April 27 (Sat.). Yesterday Mr. Dering was restored unanimously to
30 his Fellowship of Oriel College (of which he had been unjustly deprived by the late Dr. Carter) and he was admitted by the Dean of that College, Mr., commonly called Dr., Robert Fysher, who is a Batchelour of Physick. Even Bowles concurred with the Society in this Act, not out of an honest Principle, but because there were not knaves enough to prevent it.

April 28 (Lowe Sun.). The Easter Preachers before the Univ. this year were: Mr. Oliver Battely, student of Xt Ch., at Xt Ch. on Good Friday; Mr. Conybear, of Exeter College, at St. Peter's in the East on

April 23, 1728. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 163). Sends payments for Elmham and the Black Book.

April 23, 1728. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 192). Sends the two MSS. [see letter of April 18].

April 26, 1728. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Rawl. 8. 193, *draft*). Has received the two MSS., which will be of use. Has already printed as far as the end of Yorkshire, so that observations from Lord Oxford's MS. must come at the end of the edition.

Easter day; Mr. Owen, of St. John's, on Easter Monday at St. Marie's; Mr. Griffiths, of Magd. Hall, at St. Marie's on Easter Tuesday, ^{weh} Mr. Griffiths was also Repeater of the said four Sermons this day at St. Marie's.

Dr. Tanner called upon me yesterday. He told me old Mr. W^m Smith had printed a Book in 8^{vo} of about 400 pages against Mr. Cockman, but that 'tis stupid and frivolous. This I have not yet seen. It seems it is to puzzle Affairs. This Smith, when of Oxford, used to be called (from his dark muddy head) Puzzle Cause, and often Old Crust.

I find Dr. Tanner hath many other Papers than those he lent me, 10 relating to Ant. Wood's Life, written also by Anthony himself. But I find the Dr. does not care to have them seen, they being (he says) references rather than intire Memoirs. Be it as they will, I should be glad to peruse them.

Dr. Tanner hath (as he told me) a Glossary for his own use of many old Latin Words & others, not explained in common Glossaries.

He told me that the foresaid Mr. Smith had Ant. Wood's Papers about the City of Oxford for at least 7 years. Many of these are now wanting. He had also the English Copy of Hist. & Antiq. Oxon. It seems he had these and other Papers of Ant. Wood's from Charlett, under Pretence 20 that these & many other Things of Anthony's were not to be put into the Museum till seven years after Anthony's Death. Dr. Tanner said this was Anthony's desire also. I can hardly think it, it being not agreeable to his will that I printed.

Mr. Smith, it seems, says in his book that he is 77 years old.

The several Papers in the printed Copy of Athenae Oxon. in the Mus. Ashmol. were all loose, till digested & pasted in by Dr. (then Mr.) Tanner, as he told me himself, Mr. Wood using to write on such scraps of Paper.

On the 10th of this month died Sir Percy Freke, Bart., in Ireland, of a mortification in his Leg, (a Gentleman who, when he was of X^t Church, 30 Oxon., was my intimate acquaintance), of 27 years of age, and of great good nature.

A. Wood had a MS. of Tho. Eccleston *de adventu fratrum Minorum in Angliam*. He lent it to Franciscus à S. Clara. He mentions it in his Life written by himself. Dr. Tanner knows nothing of it.

Mr. Joseph Taylour, a lame Fellow of St. John's Coll., Oxon., drew up an account of the Founder's Foundation, Presidents, & Benefactors of that College. He lent it to Ant. Wood A.D. 1666, who transcribed it, but calls it in his account of his own life short and trite. Yet I do not doubt but 'tis of good use. 'Tis now in Museum Ashmol. This Dr. Taylour 40 was LL.D. and a learned man.

April 29 (Mon.). The Person that informed against Mr. Coningsby's 30th of Jan. Sermon, mentioned formerly, is one Mr. Rich. Eaton, Vice-Principal of Magd. Hall, a conceited Puritanical Man.

April 30 (Tu.). Mr. Ward, of Warwick, hath lent me, that he borrowed, a little 4^{to} Paper MS. of Conferences, in ^{weh} are some things,

but of no great moment (unless it be that the Infanta should not be married to Prince Charles unless he would change his Religion, w^{ch} could not be effected) relating to the Spanish Match. I perused it, but transcribed nothing.

Mr. Stephen Richardson, senior, of Holywell, Oxon., the Printer, was born on St. Stephen's Day, anno 1670.

May 1 (Wed.). Mr. Ward, of Warwick, hath sent to me to peruse a thick 4^{to} Paper MS., being a modern Commentary upon Aristotle's Physicks. It seems to have been of some foreign Professor for some
10 Course with young scholars, according to the way there, & it may be of use in such Countries & to such as study those Things, but I found nothing in it to my purpose.

May 2 (Thur.). At the same time Mr. Ward sent me to peruse a modern fair Paper MS. in 8^{vo}, called *Methodus Hebdomadalis Deo gratias ac laudes persolvendi in et per suam Beatissimam Creaturam, Sponsam ac virginem Matrem, praecepue constans Psalterio Beatae V. M. conscripto a S^{to} Bonaventura, cui advennerunt plures Psalmi, Hymni, Lectiones, Antiphonae, Orationes.*

May 3 (Fri.). Yesterday in a Convocation at two Clock in the
20 Afternoon, the Proctors for 1727 laid down their Office, & those for 1728 took place, viz. Mr. Carew Reynell, of New Coll., and Mr. Rob. Manaton, of X^t Ch.

May 4 (Sat.). Mr. Baker, of Cambridge, saw a Letter lately from Dr. Tanner, where by his own account his Book (viz. a new Ed. of Notitia Monastica) seems to be in great forwardness, & if it may be depended on, his Book will be shortly ready for the Press.

Mr. Baker will send me a Copy of Archbishop Rotherham's will, he having lately met with an antient Copy thereof at Sidney College, engrossed in a long Roll of Parchment. There is likewise at Sidney Coll.
30 an antient Copy of the Statutes of the College at Rotherham, but so wasted and mutilated in every Leafe that it is of little use. I mentioned this last particular to Dr. Tanner, who was ignorant of it, though he knows many things relating to Rotherham College.

May 5 (Sun.). On Easter Tuesday last George, Duke of Brunswick, went to the Horse Race at Newmarket. Thence, on Thursday, Ap. 25, he went to Cambridge, where the Entertainment was very splendid & sumptuous, at Trinity College, and will cost that University a thousand pounds or upwards, w^{ch} his Majestie (as the Duke is stiled) has sufficiently recompensed by presenting the University with 2,000 libs. The number

May 4 and 5.] If Mr. Parne ceases to subscribe, H. may enter Mr. Beauprè Bell, a gentleman, and born to an estate.

May 1, 1728. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright, M.P., at Beechwood, near Market Street, Hartfordshire (Rawl. 4. 123, draft). Is sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Drake, who owed four guineas for books supplied on Sept. 6, 1726, and Sept. 5, 1727. Asks Sir Thomas to tell him to whom application should be made for the money.

of Degrees conferred on this occasion is pretty remarkable, & beyond what has usually been done upon such occasions at either University, the account of ^{wch} follows, as it was sent to me by Mr. Baker in his letter of Ap. 30: Doctors of Divinity 59, Doctors of Law 44, Doctors of Physic 58, Bachelors of Divinity 9, Bachelors of Law 18, Bachelor of Physic 1, Masters of Arts 97. The Duke of Brunswick arrived at Cambridge about 12 Clock on Thursday above mentioned. He dined in Trinity Coll. Hall, and between 5 and 6 that Evening returned to Newmarket, and the next day for London again.

May 6 (Mon.). Dr. John Woodward, my Friend, with whom I have ¹⁰ corresponded many years, is very lately dead, after a long Indisposition (he having been confined to his Bed for at least three Quarters of a year), and hath left his Museum to the University of Cambridge, & by his Will orders a Lecture to be founded there in Natural Philosophy, with a stipend of 100 lib. per an. to the Reader, & 50 lib. per an. for other uses concerning it, if the Estate will reach it. He was near 70 years old, as I have heard. He was a single man, & was Professor of Physick in Gresham College and Fellow of the Royal Society. He was an ingenious learned man, but undeservedly despised by many. He wrote many Things, the most remarkable of which is his Theory of the Earth, printed ²⁰ more than once in English (the language in ^{wch} the Author wrote it) and is also in Latin. He also wrote and published a Defence of it. It was his Misfortune to differ in his notions of Physick and Philosophy from several great and leading Men, such as Sir Hans Sloane, Dr. Mead, Dr. John Freind, &c., ^{wch} drew down great Troubles upon him, ^{wch} must needs shock and vex him.

May 7 (Tu.). Sir W^m Dugdale, in his *Origines Juridic.*, cap. xix, p. 49, ed. 2^d, quotes the Black Book of the Exchequer twice. In the margin thus:—*Ex codice nigro penes Thesaur. & Camerarios Scacc. per Gervasium Tilbur. (ut fertur) composito tempore Regis H. 2.* But this is ³⁰ not the Black Book I am publishing, but the same with what Mr. Madox hath printed. Nor indeed is it the Black Book as contradistinct to the Red, but the Black I am printing is that ^{wch} my Lord Oxford's Copy stiles *liber parvus niger Scaccarii*, ^{wch} word *parvus*, however, is not in the Copy I print from.

May 8 (Wed.). On Monday last died, at her Father's House at Ifley near Oxford, of a Consumption, Mr^s. Sarah Jackson, the eldest Daughter of Mr. Ralph Jackson, Victualler and Farmer of that Place. She was a very pretty, clean young Girl, and admired by many Oxford Gentlemen, one of ^{wch}, one Mr. Rich, a Gentleman Commoner of Queen's Coll., ⁴⁰ engaged to marry her, but his Friends understanding it broke it off, and

May 7, 1728. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15, 154). Thanks for 16 copies of Elmham, 8 large and 8 small; sends 12½ guineas 'which I desire your acceptance of. Some of our Friends here are of opinion that it would be very well, if you would choose for your next book Junius's Glossary of the five old northern languages, which is in the Bodleian Library.' Will send an account of Dr. Goodman's MS. about Thomas a Becket.

May 8, 1728. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 22, 40). A transcript of

took him from the University, w^{ch} so affected him that then he married his Father's Maid, on purpose to vex those that prevented his marrying Sarah Jackson, & he died soon after, viz. about a year since. After w^{ch}, this Sarah Jackson pined away & grew much dejected out of love for him, tho' others say she was (and 'tis very probable) in Love with more Scholars than one, who had inveigled her, tho' formerly she seemed extraordinary modest. And indeed 'tis certain that one Newborough, a Commoner of Merton College, a rakish sort of spark, was so very intimate with her that some say they were married, w^{ch} however was
 10 not so, but she was with child by him, & upon that account retired to her Grandmother's at Littlemore, & the Child was destroyed, so as never to come to perfection, & after this she was never well. She was 23 years and a half of Age. She was buried on Wed., May 8th, in Ifley Church. She hath left 2 Sisters, the youngest named Mary, who is also very pretty & tho' but 14 years old, yet she is very forward & very fond of young scholars.

May 9 (Thur.). Mr. Ward hath sent me and I have perused a Transcript, done by Mr. Ward himself, of Jo. Ross's Account of the Earls of Warwick. Mr. Ward can command the Original, but he does
 20 not tell where it is. Mr. Ward saith he took his Copy cursorily. He hath omitted most of the Pictures. There is a Copy among Sr Wm Dugdale's MSS. in Mus. Ashm.

May 10 (Fri.). Yesterday Morning at four Clock, M^{rs}. Mary Johnson, wife of Mr. Rich^d Johnson, Mancipal of Edm. Hall, was brought to bed of a Daughter. (It was baptized by the Name of Mary, on Wed., June 5, 1728.)

One Mr. James, a Bach. of Arts of St. John's Coll. in Oxford, was at Cambridge the other day, when the Duke of Brunswick was there, and he had then and there the Degree of Doctor of Physick conferred on him.

May 11 (Sat.). Yesterday being a prodigious hot day, we had abundance of Thunder and Lightning in the Afternoon.

Mr. Taylour, Fellow of Univ. Coll., told me on May 10th, 1728, that Mr. Cavendish Nevile, Fellow of their College, assured him that a great number of the famous Mr. Roger Dodesworth's Collections are in the Custody or hands of their (the Nevile) Family in Yorkshire, in w^{ch} Family he sometime lived, & then was diligent in gathering materials for the Monasticon.

May 12 (Sun.). A great Tempest of Thunder and Lightning from two a Clock in the morning 'till about half an hour after three. Mr.

Bp. Rotherham's Will, and of the first chapter of the Statutes of the College at Rotherham.

May 8, 1728. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 28. 110). 'Honoured son-in-law, the bag came safe and I return you my hearty thanks for thes and all other kindnesses. . . . I shall have gras for your horse whenever you come.'

May 10, 1728. H. to Ric. Mead (Rawl. 15. 155). Thanks for the generous gift of 12½ guineas, received last night through Mr. Whiteside. Declines the proposal about Junius because of 'the very ill usage I have met with'.

Mattaire hath published Proposals for putting out a new Ed. of Marm. Oxon.; I have not seen them. He hath got the use of a Copy of Prideaux corrected in some Places by Dr. Thomas Smith. This is in possession of the Earl of Oxford. I hear some wish that this editor would have pursued his design on the Paris Printers, &c., and not launched into an Ocean where 'tis feared he'll sink. A Grammarian he may be, but he is far from being an Antiquary, and hath not (I fear) those qualifications that are necessary for an Editor of Greek & Roman Inscriptions. A Friend of mine (who pleased himself that this work was reserved for me, & is sorry to find himself deceived) could wish here that ¹⁹ Horace his rule had been considered *humeri quid ferre recusant*. Mattaire (it seems) has given us no proof of his abilities by a specimen. His cause is much espoused, and Subscriptions will be procured to render him for the future easy enough, and *fames*, not *fama*, seems to be the motive of many.

May 13 (Mon.). It is not determined how Dr. Woodward's treasure will be disposed of, only in general, that the Natural Curiosities are appropriated to his Cambridge Professorship, to be founded out of 3,000 pounds, to be raised out of his other effects, as books, medals, &c., ²⁰ which some say will not answer the Expectations of the world,

Norden's Chorographical Description of Cornwall is printed pompously at London in 4^{to}. Four were printed on Vellum, one for the Earl of Oxford, the Patron, who gave 50 lbs. to poor Christopher Bateman under the notion of Editor, another Dr. Rawlinson hath, and two others are in private hands.

May 14 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Mathew Gibson (now in Oxford) told me that he is in great quest after what Papers he can meet with relating to Sr Hen. Spelman's Hist. of Sacrilege. I have formerly observed that he is a crazed person, as he most certainly is, I could wish therefore that any Papers of that great man may meet with a far better Editor. ³⁰ But as the poor man is conceited and opiniative, he will have his own way, and no better a Performance must be expected from him than his late Book of the Scudamore Family.

May 15 (Wed.). Copy of a Fragment relating to the City of Oxford given me by Mr. James West, in the same hand with that I have printed at the end of Elmham. He gave me it since the former, viz. Jan. 17, 1727. 'Mayor has 200 capons and hens; in the walking of franchies the Chamberlains find bread, beare, and cheese, the Mayor gives the meat. Every freeman is to give the Mayor a pottle of wine, should be invited to the dinner, but now he takes the 4s. & never invites him.' ⁴⁰

May 14, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 20). 'I thank you for your intended Present.' Thinks Dr. Mattaire is unsuitable to edit *Marmora Oxoniensia*; it is done for money. Hears that Norden is a pompous book, a quarto. 'I find quarto books are now much in vogue in London, which for my part I look upon as the very worst and most useless form of all. . . . Were I to see you, I could say more than may be proper for a Letter. But you seem to be as much against coming to Oxford, as I am against going to London.'

May 16 (Thur.). Yesterday morning died suddenly Mr. Adrian Butler, in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, aged more than fifty.¹ He had been Deputy Steward of Magd. Coll., but having cheated the College to a considerable sum, he was discarded, w^{ch} with his hard drinking, contributed much to the shortening of his Life. He died in poor Circumstances, leaving a wife and five children. His wife, a great drinker also, is sister to Mr. Stephen Kibblewhite, of Oxford, Book-seller. He was buried to-day at 10 o'clock at night.

Yesterday died Mr. Reynolds Walker, Fellow of Magd. Coll. He was 10 a hard drinker, w^{ch} threw him into a Consumption. He was a strange ill-natured man, and beloved by none. He took the Degree of M.A., May 5, 1710, and that of B.D. Jan. 24, 1720. He was minister of Horspath, but being negligent of his Duty, neither performing himself nor getting anyone else to do it, he was prosecuted once, if not more, in the Bishop's Court. [He was buried at Magd. Coll., on Saturday, in the Afternoon at Prayer time, May 18.]

May 17 (Fri.). They are reprinting at London, Burton's Leicestershire with Additions from his own MS. Copy.

They are about reprinting at London the four 4^{to} Volumes of Prynn's 20 Brevia Parliamentaria.

One Palmer, a Printer in Bartholomew Close, Lond., hath been some time making Collections for an History of Printing. He hath had the use of John Bagford's Collections, &c., in the Harleyan Library. It is to be in two Quartos; Mattaire assists. I have seen his Proposals and Specimen, by w^{ch} it appears that he is not equal to such a History and that 'twill be fraught with Fooleries. They will make use of Bagford's Papers with little Acknowledgement, and Justice will not be done him.

May 18 (Sat.). Mr. West hath got in folio (a very thin Book) a MS., being a Transcript of Thomas Worthington's printed Catalogus 30 Martyrum. Mr. West hath lent it me to peruse. The Printed Book is extremely scarce. Yet I had one formerly, but I gave it to Mr. Charles Eyston, of Hendred, in Berks., upon his giving me the printed Vellum Missal of Hereford.

Mr. West hath lately met with the late Mr. Ralph Thoresby's son, Vicar of Rickmansworth, from whom he is in prospect of getting some of his Father's Things.

May 19 (Sun.). Mr. Corsellis, of Lincoln College, is first Cousen to Dr. Richard Rawlinson.²

[Two Roman inscriptions found at Hexham are here omitted; they are well 40 known from other sources.]

May 20 (Mon.). Dr. Rawlinson bought several Books himself of very good value out of some of the Auctions of his late Brother's books,

¹ In the margin, 'He was 52.'

² A note at the end of the volume: 'Will. Ball died Sunday, May 19, 1728. Jerry of Godstow was born in 1688.'

and he hath told me by Letter that he hath not let slip any book with the valuable MSS. notes of learned men, as J. Casaubon, Heinsius, Faber, and my Friend Dr. Thomas Smith, of whom he hath the *Inscriptiones Athleticae*, published by Sign^r. Falconieri at Rome, corrected by that learned Dr.

May 21 (Tu.). Tho' the King hath been adjudged Visitor of Univ. Coll. in Westm. Hall, yet Dr. Shippen, Dr. Bouchier, and others of Mr. Denison's Side, being much nettled at this, endeavour to bring the University into a Scrape, and to have the Convocation undertake the affair. Accordingly they have applied to my L^d Arran, Chanc. of 10 the Univ., and prevailed with his L^dship to write a letter to the Vice-chancellor, &c., in favour of this Matter, w^{ch} was read and considered at a Meeting of the Heads yesterday, when they sate two hours at the Delegates' Room at the Printing House, and great clamours there were by Dr. Shippen and Dr. Bouchier, but notwithstanding that, the Letter was thrown out and rejected, so as 'tis not to come to Convocation, it being looked upon (very rightly) as highly absurd to engage the Univ. in a Lawsuit about what hath been so plainly determined already.

May 22 (Wed.). Dr. Batteley's Antiquities of St. Edmund Bury is so imperfect a thing, that Mr. Baker cannot imagine they will print it. 20

May 23 (Thur.). Yesterday Mr. Stanhope, Gentleman Commoner of X^t Church, who is nine years' standing, was admitted to the Degree of Bach. of Civil Law as a grand Compounder of that Coll.

One of those that had Degrees lately conferred upon them at Cambridge was Martin Benson (he being in the King's List as one of the King's Chaplains), Archdeacon of Berks., Prebendary of Durham, and Rector of Blechley in Bucks. I say King's List, because there were two lists of those that had Degrees, viz. the King's list and the Chancellour's list.

One Mr. Martin, the Owner of the Metrical History of Hen. V by Thomas Elmham (of which I have given a Specimen in my Ed. of 30 Elmham's Prose Life of that Heroe), is writing the Antiquities of Thetford. He is a Norfolk Gentleman and is an Attorney.

May 24 (Fri.). Mr. Murray, in a Letter from London of the 12th of Oct. last, told me that Mr. Bateman was then very forward in printing Norden of Cornwall, having got to the letter Y; that he proposed to print but a small number, not exceeding 150, the Charge of w^{ch} to be defrayed by his Friends, he being at that time out of Business.

Yesterday died of a dropsy old Mr. Townsend, of Oxford, mason. He was near fourscore, a strong, hearty man till of late. He was good for nothing. 40

May 21, 1728. H. to Peter le Neve (Diaries, 119. 45). Asks him, who is so well acquainted with the books in the Exchequer, to give a short account of the Black Book in the Exchequer.

May 24, 1728. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 43). Dr. Woodward died April 25; sends what details of his will are known. Cannot suggest a derivation for *simenellus*. Is sorry Sir Philip Sydenham's books must be sold; not many years since, he was a purchaser of books. Sends a copy of a letter of the University of Cambridge about Bp. Rotherham's benefactions.

May 25 (Sat.). Yesterday morning died of a Dropsy, at his Lodgings in St. John's Coll., Oxon., Dr. W^m Delaune, President of that College. This Gentleman is several times mentioned in these Observations. He was near seventy years of age, and was a man of Parts and Learning, and much of a Gentleman, and was one part of his Life looked upon as a fine Preacher, but tho' he had a great Fortune, when he became Head of that College, and had by his Places a very good Income besides, and was withall always a single man, yet by his Imprudent Management, particularly by his gaming at Dice, Cards, &c., he spent all, and died vastly in Debt, and
 10 was not long since troubled by a Gentleman, to whom he owed a very considerable sum; w^{ch} the Gentleman would not have been so forward to have done, had not Dr. Delaune scorned him and laughed at him. This Dr. Delaune took the Degree of M.A. Mar. 31, 1683, that of B.D. Oct. 17, 1688, that of D.D. July 7, 1697. He was chosen President of his College upon the Death of Dr. W^m Levinz in the year 1698. In the year 1714, Feb. 18, he was elected Margaret Professor of the Univ. of Oxford, in the room of Dr. John Wynne (then made B^p of St. Asaph and is now B^p of Bath and Wells), w^{ch} Post Dr. Delaune held to his dying day, he being withall Prebendary of Worcester (w^{ch} is annexed to the
 20 Professorship), and Prebendary too of Winchester. [He was buried in the Coll. Chappel on Sunday night following.]

May 26 (Sun.). Yesterday came to Oxford Mr. John Murray, who brought me a Present from Mr. Christopher Bateman, of Norden's Survey of Cornwall, w^{ch} is managed in a very poor, paltry manner.

May 27 (Mon.). At the end of Sylvanus Morgan's Armilogia, Lond. 1666, 4^{to}, 'The Author doth also advise that he had and can still procure several Pieces of John Norden, his Speculum Britanniae, viz. Kent, Essex, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, the Isles of Wight, Gersey, and Garnsey.'

May 28 (Tu.). Yesterday I went with Mr. Murray to Mr^s. Gyles's
 30 (of whom he formerly bought Mr. Baskerville's Books), who now lives in Bear Lane. He went now with a Design to get others, and accordingly he bought Gerard's Herbal of her and some MSS. notes of Mr. Baskerville's Journeys from one Place to another, in w^{ch} notes are mentioned the miles from one Place to another, the goodness of the Beer, and other accommodations of the Houses and Places where he lay and stopt, of little or no use, tho' Mr. Murray is pleased with it. He had also a MS. Catalogue of the Books in Mr. Baskerville's Study in the year 1678, in w^{ch} are mentioned several Books, MSS. and printed, of very good value and great Curiosity, different from those Mr. Murray formerly bought,
 40 but these she either hath still or else some body else had them.

May 27, 1728. H. to [Rev. James Gibson] (Rawl. 28. 122, *draft*). Advice about his proposed book on grammar. Wonders he has been absent so long.

May 28, 1728. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 46). Sends a copy of the account of Thomas Rotherham in Bp. Wren's manuscript.

May 29 (Wed.). Yesterday, in the Afternoon, Mr. Tho. Jenner, B.D., and Fellow of Magd. Coll., was elected Margaret Professor in opposition to Dr. Theophilus Leigh, D.D. and Master of Balliol College. Dr. Leigh had only 24 votes and Mr. Jenner 34. Besides these two, at first appeared Candidates Dr. Felton, Principal of Edm. Hall; Mr. Niblett, Warden of All Souls Coll.; and Mr. Rob. Lydall, of Magd. Coll. But Dr. Felton, having not above one vote, that I can hear of (viz. Dr. Gibson, Provost of Queen's, who was also out of Town), and Mr. Niblett and Mr. Lydall not being able to succeed, they let their Interests drop, tho' Lydall did not relinquish his till just the time of Election, a thing w^{ch} if he ¹⁰ had not done, Magd. Coll. would most certainly have lost it, and Dr. Leigh would have been the man.

May 30 (Thur.). Mr. John Murray is compleat 58 years old (as he says) next January, I think on the 24th of the month. Mr. Murray's Father's Brother was Provost of Edinburgh and a merchant.

The mapps in Norden's Cornwall, lately printed, Mr. Bateman borrowed of Roger Gale, Esq. They were returned to Mr. Gale again, who had also in lieu of his lending them three Copies. These Mapps without doubt belonged originally to the MS. that Mr. Bateman hath and printed from, it being, as appears by the Royal Arms on the Cover on ²⁰ each side, the very book the Author presented to the King. And I make no question, but 'tis that very MS. that was formerly in the Royal Library at St. James's, tho' gone since.

Tho' Mr. Murray formerly told me in a Letter that Mr. Bateman would print only 150 Copies at most, yet now he saith he hath printed two hundred and perhaps they may be more.

June 1 (Sat.). They write from Edinburgh that an unhappy Accident happened lately in the Shire of Angus, by a Quarrel between two Gentlemen Friends of the Earl of Strathmore, who kindly interposing to prevent Mischief, was himself killed in the Rencounter. I have made mention of ³⁰ this noble Person (with whom I was acquainted*when he was in Oxford and with whom I used to be very often) in pag. 135 of vol. 61 of these Memoirs. His Death is a very great Loss and 'tis much lamented, especially since it happened in such a manner. He was about 28 years old and was a man of great Honour and Integrity, as well as of large Sense & understanding.

Restoration Day [May 29], 1728. Will. Fullerton to H. (Rawl. 5. 127). Hopes that, with the help of Mr. Bowdler, he may be able now to secure for H. the residue of Mr. Walden's legacy, Mr. Orme being now returned from Bath to London. Suggests that H. should write him a letter, mentioning that Mr. Price had once offered his service in this matter, but that H. did not know his address.

May 30, 1728. H. to Peter Le Neve, Esq. (Rawl. 28. 122, draft). Asks if Le Neve has a roll of coats of arms of Norfolk families, which has been attributed to William Worcester, alias Botoner. (See letter of July 2.)

May 31, 1728. H. to Fullerton (Rawl. 5. 127, draft). Congratulates him on his degree of Dr. of Physick [see Diary, April 13], thanks for the letter of Restoration Day, for former kindness in procuring £40 of the legacy, and ends according to the suggestion of Mr. Fullerton's letter of May 29.

June 2 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. W^m Holmes was chosen by the majority of five votes, President of St. John's Coll. in room of Dr. Delaune deceased, in opposition to Dr. Winch Holdsworth. This Dr. Holmes is a very proud man.

June 3 (Mon.). My L^d Oxford has all Sim. Dewes's Collection & by Mr. Wanley's conduct, at an easy rate, which Mr. Wanley has boasted of to Mr. Baker of Cambridge. Sir Simon himself was a Boaster, and has given the World great expectations, *I doubt* (says Mr. Baker) *the performance would not have answered.* I have given a Specimen of his
 10 skill in Antiquities by the Speech I have publist in Sprot in favour of the Univ. of Cambridge, where he was a Member, and particularly of St. John's College.

June 4 (Tues.). Memorandum that the MS. Mr. Murray (who returned to London on Friday last, May 31) got at Oxford of old crazy Baskerville's, contains nothing more than what Mr. Murray had before, as Mr. Murray told me himself, what he had before being a fair transcript of this.

This day about 12 Clock or about noon, died the Widow of Mr. Adrian Butler, who died on Wed., May 16th last, she having been strangely
 20 affected at his death. [She was buried, as she desired, by her mother at All Hallows Church, Oxon., June 6th, Thursday.]

June 7 (Fri.). *Mr. Symon Dewes, Coll. Jo., admissus in Matriculam Acad. Cant. Jul. 9, 1618.* Scholars are usually matriculated the first year, when we may presume him to have been about 16 or 17 years of

June 2, 1728. H. to James West (Diaries, 119. 55). Wood, in his *History of the Univ. of Oxford*, p. 347, mentions the *Polyandrium Oxoniensium* of William Worcester, quoting from Brian Twyne's *Apologia*. As Cott. MS. Julius F. vii, a volume of several tracts, contains three by W^m Botoner *alias* Worcester, it would be a kindness to H. to examine the volume to see if any other of the tracts is the *Polyandrium*.

June 2, 1728. Gilb. Lake to H. (Rawl. 7. 146). Is better, but hardly fit to correspond. Has no hopes of seeing Oxford this summer. Has ordered Robert Casemore¹ to pay for Elmham.

June 4, 1728. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 380). 'Ever Loving son, I reseed your Letter and what was in it, and I Return you harty Thanks for your Token you sent me; and I remain still very weke, that I am not abell to goo abroad to do any Thing as yet, but I am something better, I bles God. And your Brother William goos to se his sister at Wittson Tide, and I will be shewear to send your Token by him to hur. Your brother Edmon has som Books at my howse and when he sends for Them, I must send them by the wagon. So no more at present, but my Herty prayers for your helth. I am your Ever Loving mother, Jane Hearne.'

June 6, 1728. Rob. New, of Pump Court, Inner Temple, to H. (Rawl. 8. 166). Wishes to subscribe for the Black Book and any future publications of H.

June 7, 1728. Peter Le Neve, at Great Witchingham Hall, Norfolk, to H. (Rawl. 8. 165). Thinks H.'s Black Book must be identical with

¹ He was a farmer at Headington, tenant of Mr. Lake. See letters of Mar. 26, 1729, and May 9, 1729.

age; Fellow Commoners (as he is by his admission) seldome stay above 2 years. They have no general College Register of Admissions at St. John's in Camb. till the year 1629; otherwise his age would appear.

Mr. Ward of Warwick sometime since lent me a little 4^{to} Paper MS., with the Arms finely drawn & coloured, intit.: *Nomina, Insignia, Etymologiae, Insigniumque Descriptiones, Gallice, Latine & Anglice, uniuscuiusque scuti, pertinentis ad Dignissimum virum Thomam Spenser Armigerum.* At the end, 'Mr. Patten, Blu Mantell.' So that 'twas done by the said Patten. Mr. Ward himself borrowed the said MS.

June 8 (Sat.). Mr. Graves lately met with 3 British coins; one of 10 them is in gold, very fair and perfect, of Boadicea or Boduo, the very same with that in Speed; shield-like, convex on one side and concave on the other; another of copper or iron plated over with a base sort of gold, of the same form as the first, and is the same with that coin w^{ch} in Speed is said to be for King Lucius; and a third of Copper, very fair and beautifull, but not so large and concave as the other two; with a handsome Head on one side and a Pegasus on the Reverse, which Mr. Graves takes to be of Cunobeline, tho' there is not a Letter upon it.

June 9 (Sun.). Dr. Woodward died Ap. 25, 1728, aet. 63, and was buried near Sir Isaack Newton in Westminster Abby. 20

June 10 (Mon.). Dr. Delaune was buried in St. John's Coll. Chappel by the steps as we go up to the Altar. I am told there is already a stone put over him, with words to this Effect, G. Delaune ob. Maii 24, 1728, aetat. 69.

June 12 (Wed.). On Monday last died M^{rs}. Pottle, the Wife of Mr. Pottle, one of the yeomen Beadles of the Univ. of Oxon., she having

what is now called the Red Book. Suggests that H. should copy from his Black Book the return of the Bp. of Chichester about his Knights' Fees. The original is in the Tower, put by Le Neve in the bag of the deeds of the county of Sussex; he has a copy of it which he will compare with Hearne's. That in the Red Book corresponds with the original.

June 8, 1728. Sir William Barker, Bart., of Chancery Lane, London, to H. (Rawl. 14. 23; Diaries, 119. 61). Asks if H. can give any information about one John Heron of the Middle Temple, who was Trustee in a settlement of the present Sir William Barker's grandfather, Alderman William Barker, in the year 1655. It is supposed he may have been the second son of Edmund Herne of Garsington. It is important to know when he died and where his papers are.

June 10, 1728. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 52). Sends Bale's account of William Botoner. 'The Itinerary of William Worcester is in so wretched a hand that my eyes will not read it. Being turned of 70, I am forced to lay aside such MSS.'

June 11, 1728. H. to Sir William Barker (Diaries, 119. 62). In searching his papers has found nothing, except that in 1669 there were in Dr. Barlow's Library, at Queen's College, some papers about Headington, found among the papers of Mr. John Hearne, a lawyer.

June 11, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 21). Thanks for letters of the 6th and the 8th. The President of St. John's died May 24. Wishes some account could be procured of a MS. once mentioned by Mr. Tireman as in his father's possession, containing a list of the vestments at St. Peter's, York.

lately miscarried. See more of her under Dec. 16, 1727. She was a pretty body.

[Then follows the inscription on the gravestone of Nathaniel Spinckes, ob. July 28, 1727, in St. Paul's churchyard.]

June 13 (Thur.). Mr. Ward of Warwick hath lent me, what he also borrowed, a 4^{to} printed Book intit.: *Sacra institutio baptizandi, matrimonium celebrandi, infirmos ungendi, mortuos sepeliendi, ac alii nonnulli ritus ecclesiastici juxta usum insignis ecclesiae Sarisburiensis*. Duaci, 1604, 4^{to}. At the end are: *Annotationes in precedentem sacram*
 10 *Institutionem, ex quibus Christianus lector & venerandam nonnullorum ecclesiae Catholicae rituum antiquitatem percipiet & aliqua, obscurius in Manuali Sarisburiensi tradita, elucidata reperiet.*

June 14 (Fri.). [Extracts from the book just mentioned.]

June 15 (Sat.). Dr. White Kennett hath just published a large folio Vol. ^{weh} he stiles a Chronological History. It begins at the Restauration of K. Ch. II, and takes in only two years, ending with 1662. It is a strange Rhapsody from Pamphlets and I know not what, shewing the poor man to be a very injudicious scribbler. I hear he is now quite despised, ^{weh} much dejects him.

20 **June 16 (Sun.).** Sir W^m Temple had the Gout when he was 47 years old. He used to say when People had that Distemper, they were fit for nothing. He said People should give off Business, when they came to be fifty years of Age.

Caussin his Holy Court hath the Life of Mary Q. of Scots. He gives a fair Character of Mr. Camden for his Relation of that Affair, tho' he calls him a Huguenot. Nicholson, in his Scottish Hist., Lond., 1702, p. 166, mentions a MS. concerning this Queen ^{weh} he stiles *The True History, &c.*, in the well-furnished Library of S. Pepys, Esq. Mr. Ward, of Warwick, thinks Caussin's whole Relation was taken from that MS.

30 **June 18 (Tu.).** On Saturday last, M^{rs}. Betty Stonehill, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, a very pretty body, with whom the Organist of Magd. Coll. used to be so much, the Daughter of the late Mr. Stonehill of that Parish, was married to one Mr. Thomas [blank], a man of a good Character, who hath lived about 18 years in the Powis's family, and is about 30 years old and she about 25.

From Mist's Journal for Sat., June 15, 1728:—

They write from Manchester, June 8, that that day the R^t. Rev^d. their Warden [Dr. Peplow, B^p of Chester] condescended to call a Chapter, where was elected the Reverend M^r. Brooks, late of Oriel College, to be one of their

June 17, 1728. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 122, draft). Would like a transcript of John Gower's chronicle of Ric. II, and the *Depositio Ricardi II*, both in Cott. MS. Tib. A. iv.

June 18, 1728. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Rawl. 28. 123, draft). Returns Wood's Diary and the Roll of Cookery. Wishes to know when Sir Simonds D'Ewes was born.

Fellows, as was the Reverend Mr. Richard Asheton confirmed Chaplain, and Mr. Edward Betts, rechose Organist. Every thing was done without Hurry, our learned and most ingenious High Sheriff attending with the Proclamation against Riots, but there was no Occasion.

NB. We presume the Reverend Mr. John Heber, who had a Fellowship lately given him by the St. James's Post of 300 lib. per Ann., will go speedily to London.

The said Mr. Heber is the Gentleman I formerly mentioned of Univ. Coll. He endeavoured to be Fellow of Manchester, not by Election but by Royal Authority; Peploe declining a great while to call a Chapter ¹⁰ was to have the Matter lapse, but the Thing having been decided at Law, their Aim is lost. This Heber is no Graduate of either University, but I am told he is a Lambeth Bach. of Law. He is a Man of a bad Character, a Spy, and treacherous and false.

June 19 (Wed.). Monday last and yesterday being prodigious hot days, it occasioned much Thunder and Lightning with vast Rains, but that which was most felt at Oxford was yesterday at three Clock in the afternoon, when there was a very extraordinary Storm of Thunder and Lightning, three Claps of w^{ch} were very remarkable; particularly the first of those three was the most surprising Crack that either I or others at ²⁰ Oxford (as themselves say) ever heard, the Lightning and the Thunder coming both together, which argues that the Cloud (as it really was) was very near. There was a vast Rain with this storm, w^{ch} Rain (as the Thunder and Lightning did also, but at a distance) continued all the Afternoon till three or four a Clock the next Morning, being June 19, Wed. The main force of the great Clap before mentioned was just over King's Street, commonly called Coach and Horses Lane, in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, on the west side of w^{ch} street it beat down the Corner of a small low building or Tenement there, and descending to the Ground split in pieces a deal board & demolished a small part of the ³⁰ wall next to the Ground, & did some little damage, tho' not at all dangerous, to a brewer that was then at work in an adjoining Brew House, & frightened all the inhabitants thereabouts. I happened to be at one of the Windows next to St. Peter's Church Yard in my room (at Edmund Hall) next to the said Church Yard. I was mightily surprized at the Lightning and the Thunder both coming together, & was very apprehensive of the very great Danger, especially at the suddenness of the Stroke, the Cloud rising, as it seems [*sic*], just over that part of St. Peter's & immediately bursting in a most terrible manner beyond what 'tis possible for to describe. It is & will be the topick of Discourse whenever any of ⁴⁰ those thereabouts shall happen to discourse of Affairs of this kind.

June 20 (Thur.). Dr. Rawlinson has a vast Collection of Papers (as he tells me) relating to St. John's College, Oxon., w^{ch} he'll be bold to say are not to be exceeded or amended by any member, none he says ever saw more, or has made greater use of the papers he has of his College; some belonging to Dr. Bailly, once President, he fell upon in London, which give great light into the histories of St. John's College and the see of Sarum, whereof he was Dean.

June 21 (Fri.). Mr. Anderson's Book about the Queen of Scots in four Q^{to}'s is four Guineas Price. This Anderson was a Presbyterian, so is, I suppose, his son.

Yesterday called upon me Mr. Edw. Burton, formerly Commoner of Oriel College, whom I have often mentioned in my printed Books. He told me he was nearly related to Rob^t Burton, Esq., who when I came first to Oxford was Gent. Com. of Edmund Hall. This Rob^t Burton was a Shropshire Gentleman. He died five or six years agoe, leaving behind him a son.

- 10 Mr. Burton said all Will. Prynne's Books are of very great authority in Westm. Hall, notwithstanding his being such a vile Wretch. His Parliamentary Writs go at 7 Guineas.

June 22 (Sat.). Mr. Burton at the same time told me that Mr. Mattaire formerly published Proposals for giving a new Ed. of Antiq. Eccl. Brit., commonly ascribed to Mat. Parker, according to the Lond. Edition.

- Mr. Burton told me of a second Ed. of Tillesley's Animadversions upon Selden's History of Tythes. He said it is as large almost again as the first, that it was printed the same year, is in Lambeth Library, 20 & contains Mr. Selden's Reply to him & then Tillesley's Answer to that Reply.

On Tuesd. last, being June 18th, died at Handborough near Woodstock, the widow of the late Dr. Bouchier, of a great age, and was buried there by her husband on Thursday night following, June 20th.

June 23 (Sun.). Mr. Burton the other day assured me that tho' Mr. Selden, by his careless way of writing, seems to have done everything extempore, yet that all was laboured, as he found by several specimens under his own hand, in w^{ch} there were such alterations and interlinings, &c., that nothing was hardly legible.

- 30 He said also that Dr. Wilkins had a design some time ago of publishing the Councils, with Mr. Wharton's Additions and Corrections, but that the Archbishop, Dr. Wake, put him by, saying that Mr. Pearce (he that was some time since V. Principal of Edm. Hall) intended to do that work. This is what I never heard of before, with respect to Pearce. It seems after Pearce had got his Living, he excused himself by complaining of his eyes.

Yesterday I went to the Ashm. Museum, and perused among Ant. à Wood's MSS. the Catalogue of old Mr. Thomas Allen's MSS.

- Num. 47, fol. Liber Chartarum Prioratus S. Frideswydae. There is 40 a note that 'tis in bib. C. C. C. Oxon. I never knew before, that this MS. w^{ch} I have often heard mentioned, tho' I never saw it, belonged once to Mr. Allen.

Num. 58, fol. Gulielmi Worcestrensis variorum autorum deflorationes. This is now in the Cotton Library, as I take it, where are also several other MSS. that belonged to Mr. Allen, being procured by Mr. Rich^d

June 21, 1728. H. to Rob. New (Rawl. 8. 166, draft). The money may be paid to Thomas Godfrey, one of the Oxford carriers, at the Oxford Arms [see letter of June 6].

James, as appears from his note at the End of the Catalogue, written by Mr. Brian Twyne, to whom this Catalogue once belonged: 'Mr. Rich. James, of Corp. Xpi. Coll., comminge afterwards into Mr. Allen's acquaintance, gott away many of these manuscripts from the good old man and conveyed them away to London to Sir Rob. Cotton's studdie.'

Allso the owner himself (Mr. Tho. Allen) dienge at Oxford in Gloucester Hall, anno domini 1633, gave all his whole studdie of bookes to Sir Kenelme Digbie, of London, who afterwards gave most of them to the Universitie's Library.

Dr. Langbaine compared this Catalogue with that of those in Bodley, 10 and marked in this Catalogue what were there & what were otherwise disposed of, saying: 'Qui autem illic [in Bibliotheca Bodl.] non extant, vel D^{nus} Digby sibi reservavit vel forte alio distracti sunt.'

The said Catalogue belonged, as I take it, once to Dr. Langbaine, or rather to the School Tower, where I suppose the Dr. met with it among Mr. Twyne's Papers, as Ant. à Wood did, as I take it, afterwards, and 'tis very probable that Anthony conveyed it off from thence.

Fol. 67 of the said Mr. Allen's MSS. is: Quadrilogium de vita S. Thomae.

4^o 87. Liber de antiquitate coenobii Glaston.

4^o 88. Roberti Talbott Annotationes in Itinerarium Antonini.

8^{vo} 3. Radulphi Nigri Chron.

8^{vo} 18. Jo. Rossi Hist. &c.

8^{vo} 36. G. Malmsb. de Antiq. Glast.

} All now, I think, in Bibl. Cotton.

Anno 1522 Tho. Skelton was Mayor of Oxford. So in Br. Twyne's Account and Catalogue of the Mayors &c. of the City of Oxford, bound up with the said Catalogue.

The Mayor of Oxford in old Time was called Prepositus, by w^{ch} name he occurs even before the Conquest. Prepositus is the same as Provost. He was also called Praeses. The Bayliffes of Oxford were also some- 30 times called Prepositi. Praetor or Mayor, I think, was made use of in Henry II^d's time.¹

June 24 (Mon.). Mr. Cock, formerly Schoolmaster of X^t Ch., Oxon., and afterwards minister of Chippenham in Wilts., w^{ch} he quitted upon account of the Oaths, died in the year 1724 at Chippenham, where there is a monument to him set up, near the place where he lies buried, at the West End of the Chancel. The Inscription is this, as sent me by Mr. Gilbert Lake, the present Vicar of Chippenham.

[Here inscription omitted.]

June 25 (Tu.). B^p Wren was a true Antiquary. He has left Collec- 40 tions wherever he went, as Pembr. Hall where Fellow, Peter-House where Master, Windsor where Dean, & Ely where Bishop, many of which Mr. Baker hath seen; but being in loose scattered papers are in danger

¹ This paragraph is full of errors. The mayor was never called *prepositus*; but the bailiffs were habitually called *prepositi* until about 1250, after which the word *baillivi* gradually came into use. There was no mayor in Oxford, or in any other town, in Henry II's reign; Oxford first had a mayor in 1199 or 1200. *Pretor* was used occasionally of the bailiffs in very early times. The title *praeses* is unknown.—Ed.

of perishing. Dr. Tanner hath likewise seen many of this good Bishop's Collections. They should be got together as far as possible, & endeavours for preserving them should be used. The Cambridge men are much wanting to themselves in not retrieving the Remains of their Worthies. Mr. Baker is the only man I know of there, that hath of late acted in all respects worthily on that head, and for it he deserves a statue.

The following Letters Patent I copied from the original, lent me today by Mr. Loveday, Gent. Com. of Magd. Coll. He said original is on Parchment. [Then follows Letters Patent of Feb. 6, 2 Ed. VI, by
10 which the King appoints Sir Humfrey Browne, kt., and Sir James Hales, kt., serjeant-at-law, to hold an assise of novel disseisin which William Wyfold and Alice his wife have arraigned against William Naysche and Alice his wife about a tenement in Matyngly.¹]

June 26 (Wed.). Mr. Baker informs me that he hath a Copy of the Lady Margaret's Foundation, & that there is nothing in it that two of the same House shall not be immediately Professors.

Dr. Salmon was with Mr. Baker and offered him a sight of his Papers, w^{ch} he declined as civilly as he could, for he is told he goes very much out of the common Road. If Dr. Stukeley be his Guide (as he certainly
20 is) he will be in danger of wandring (*sic*). Mr. Baker observes that our Friend Mr. Murray is a great Admirer of that Doctor, unless I have shown him reasons to alter his opinion. I have talked more than once with Mr. Murray on that head, but found him stiff, & that 'tis hardly possible to make him alter his opinion, w^{ch} nevertheless perhaps might be easy, were Mr. Murray a Scholar and versed in true Learning.

June 27 (Thur.). Yesterday was a most dismal day. It began to rain (pouring down at 3 Clock in the morning) attended with Thunder and Lightning, and continued 'till eight (the Lightning and Thunder having been indeed, tho' at a distance, all night) that morning, when
30 it ceased for a while, and then began again with Thunder and Lightning, & rained very hard till quite night, it being withall very hot. It is very remarkable that between two and three Clock that morning the Sky was Eastwards most amazingly red, insomuch that the very Element seemed to be on fire, & many people and particularly myself were so surprized at it that they thought there was a great & veritable fire, & thereupon got out of their Beds, it being as light as it were as midday, soon after w^{ch} it grew dismally dark & then followed the great Rain.

June 28 (Fri.). Dr. Warton of Magd. Coll. told me yesterday, that he hath often heard that one Mr. Francis Bagshaw, Fellow of Magd.
40 Coll. & a very great Whig, was Author of the Account in 4^{to} of the

June 28, 1728. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 17. 43). 'I had not forgot to send you this MS. containing Ross's Account of the Earls of Warwick, but was prevented by my removal to Barford [Warwickshire], where I have lately met with a piece of Antiquity. It is the gravestone of one Will. de Wellesburn who was incumbent here in 1298; and tho' Dugdale makes no mention of this

¹ i. e. Mattingley, Hants.—Ed.

Proceedings at Magd. Coll. in 1688, a book wch Dr. Thomas Smith used to condemn as partial & full of Falsities, and yet in one of the Catalogues of Bibliotheca Rawlinsoniana Dr. Rawlinson hath ascribed it, by a very great mistake, to the said Dr. Thomas Smith.

June 29 (Sat.). Mr. Joseph Brookland became, as he saith, Apprentice to Mr. John Hall, the Printer, in the year 1693, in the 13th year of his age.

Simonds D'Ewes stands in the List of those that took the Covenant, printed (viz. 4,000 copies) by Order of the House of Commons Feb. 5, 1643.

Mr. Thomas Warton read his last Poetical Lecture (his time being now fully expired) on Tuesday last. He designs to print his Lectures. His Father's name was Ant. Warton, wch Ant. was a Clergyman also, and a good Antiquary, and (as his son hath told me) a great Acquaintance of Dr. Thomas Smith's.

June 30 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Sadler of Garsington told me that old Mr. Basset, of whom I have formerly made mention, of Wooley Green, near Maidenhead in Berks., died about a year ago, in the 102^d year of his Age.

One Mrs. Lee lives at Ailesbury an hundred and three years of age, 20 who hath all her senses, even her hearing and eyesight, still good and perfect.

Wm Worcester's Itinerary in Bennet Coll. Library, Camb., is in so wretched a hand, that Mr. Baker's eyes will not reach it (he being now turned of 70, as he tells me in his Letter of the 10th inst.). He is forced to lay aside such MSS. There is a fair Copy, taken he presumes by Archbp Parker's Order; but as far as he remembers, it contains only the account of Churches & Religious Houses, & the rest is left out as useless. It is such a Rhapsody, as you shall seldome meet with, containing scraps of paper pasted in, in different hands & probably not all his own.

July 1 (Mon.). Yesterday in the morning, preached at St. Marie's, before the Univ. of Oxford, Dr. Matthew Hole, Rector of Exeter Coll., a man almost 90 years of age, and yet useth no Spectacles.

church's being rebuilt at any time, nevertheless I am inclinable to believe it was, from the following circumstance; viz. the above-mentioned stone is placed in the north wall of the church, on the outside next the Chancell; it is in two halves with a plain stone between. The whole wall is of the same sort of stone, squared and jointed alike, and seems to bear equal date with the rest of the building.' If H. prints Ross's Account, the frontispiece, *Arma Warwici*, ought not to be omitted. There is a piece of ground in Barford called Akerman Close, or 'Akerman Furlong, butting upon Ashorne Way, as in my Survey of Barford Mannor made the 16th of Elizabeth.' [A drawing shows that when the two stones were united, they would make a slab 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 72 inches.]

June 29, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 22). Thanks for a present. Acknowledges a present for St. John's Coll. Library, which H. conveyed to Dr. Holdsworth, the Librarian. Is glad that R. is preparing a catalogue of his brother's MSS.

July 2 (Tu.). Yesterday died Mrs. Clark, the Widow of Mr. Sam. Clark (son of the famous Orientalist Mr. Samuel Clark), who died many years ago & was virger of the Univ. of Oxon. She was about 70 years old.

July 3 (Wed.). The Earl of Oxford, in a Letter from London of 27th of last March, tells me he hath looked into Sir Simonds D'Ewes's life (in his Lordship's Library) w^{ch} is wrote by his own hand, and his Lordship was pleased at the same time to transcribe and send me the three or four first lines in answer to my Question, when Sir Simonds 10 was born. My Lord believes he was a puritan, and much more inclined to the Parliament than to the King. He believes I would not be ill pleased to read this life. My Lord says, he appears to be a very laborious & a very exact Collector.

Last night died, of the small Pox and Purples, Mr. Rob^t Bradley, Fellow of New College, a little weak sickly man, who took the Degree of M.A. on June 8, 1726. He had just got a good Parsonage. He died at the House of the Widow Tea in St. Peter's Parish in the East, whose Daughter Mrs. Eliz. Tea he had courted about 5 years, and it was supposed they were married, but the old Woman says otherwise, tho' she 20 says had he lived the match would have now been soon consummated. (He was buried this night just at 12 Clock at New Coll.)

July 4 (Thur.). Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. told me yesterday that in the Catalogue of their College manuscripts in 4^{to}, at the end of Libri Facult. Artium, occurs this note in a later hand than the Catalogue was wrote in: Quaere de libro statutorum Hospitii sancti Johannis Baptistae extra portam orientalem Oxon., quem M. Brian Twine citat saepius in Apologia Oxon. et per magistrum Summers diligentissimum Archivorum Magdal. custodem 40 abhinc annis ad ipsum legendum admissus est¹.

30 **July 5 (Fri.).** Dr. Rawlinson tells me by Letter of the 2^d inst. that he designs to cut in copper & print, tho' never publish, some specimens of several hands of the most antient, fair, and best MSS. in his late Brother's Library. I cannot see of what use this can be, but I must forbear giving my frank opinion to him.

He also at the same time tells me, that he hath formed a project some time hereafter to publish a very pompous and, he hopes, usefull Catalogue

July 2, 1728. H. to Peter Le Neve at Great Witchingham Hall, Norfolk (Rawl. 28. 123, *draft*). Dugdale in his *Baronage* quotes the Black Book as different from the Red Book. If William Botoner's account of the Norfolk families and the bishop of Chichester's certificate (see letters of May 30 and June 7) are sent to H., he will take care of them.

July 4, 1728. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 54) [see Diary, July 7 and 8].

¹ The reference probably is to Twyne's *Apologia*, p. 262, his words being 'in libro illius hospitalis, quem in Archivis Magdalenensium diligentissima magistri Summers custodia saluum retinet.' This is not the book of the statutes of the Hospital, but the Cartulary, and the deed which Twyne quotes is found on fol. 9 of the Cartulary. No book of statutes of the Hospital is known.—Ed.

of the whole Library of his late Brother, taking notice at the same time of its number of duplicates, and descending to some of his own just, frequently indeed spitefull, remarks on persons and things. Nor, indeed, can I see the use of this ; but here I must likewise forbear.

July 7 (Sun.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge thinks Dr. Tillesley's book to be much the best answer to Mr. Selden, for he hath no great opinion of Mountagu's book, w^{ch} yet made the greatest noise.

Mr. Beauprè Bell of Trin. Coll. Cambr. is an Antiquary & has already made large Collections, & *may live* (says Mr. Baker in his Letter to me of the 4th) *to do you service when I am gone.* 10

July 8 (Mon.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge was at Oxford anno 1687, where being then M.A. he went *ad eundem gradum* at the Act at Oxford; whether entred upon the Register he does not know, but he very well remembers he paid the Fee, and he further remembers that being presented as Fellow of St. John *Baptist* Coll. in Cambr., some of the Oxford Doctors smiled.¹ One Mr. Smith, Fellow of Trin. Coll., went out at the same Act an. 1687.

July 9 (Tu.). The late Mr. John Smith, second Schoolmaster of Magd. College's Epitaph, given me the 6th inst. by Mr. Loveday, Gent. Com. of that College. 20

[Inscription, apparently from Magd. Coll., here omitted.]

July 10 (Wed.). Mr. Stretton, Gent. Commoner of Edm. Hall, was born at Thorpe by Egham, in Surrey. He is blind, and on Saturday last, when he called upon me, he told me he had been so ever since he was two years of age. He hath no notion of reading intire Volumes through. He aims at having a little knowledge in all Arts and Sciences, but he only hath such and such Passages in Books read to him.

July 11 (Thur.). Yesterday I rec^d from Peter Le Neve, Esq., Norroy K. of Arms, an old Parchment Roll, containing the coats of Arms (with the names prefixed to the greatest part) of some of the Norfolk 30 Families. I take the Author to be W^m Worcester. It belonged formerly to Sir William Le Neve, Clarentius. At the same time Mr. Le Neve lent me the Copy of a Certificate made by the B^p of Chichester to K. Hen. II of his Knights' Fees. But this is all in the Black Book of the Exchequer.

July 12 (Fri.). *Quaere*, who hath wrote best of the Cortex Peruvianus, so much used now (and with great reason) in Feavers and Agues. The Spaniards call it The Feaver Tree.

July 13 (Sat.). I find old Mr. W^m Smith's Book (w^{ch} he stiles the Annals of University College) is got to London, but 'tis there (most 40 deservedly) looked upon as a meer injudicious Rhapsody, and full of lyes throughout. I hear he is very angry with his Friend Mr. Denison for applying to improper persons as Visitors. Smith, it seems, denies the

¹ St. John's Coll., Cambridge, is St. John the Evangelist's.—Ed.

King and all others to be Visitors of Univ. Coll. but the Convocation, or such as the Convocation shall delegate. He looks upon King Alfred's Foundation as all Fiction. Yet the Historians and Records confirm it, and it hath been universally agreed upon, and as he was Founder, there is no doubt of his right to visit, and the same Right undoubtedly remains in his successors. It hath been examined & cleerly (*sic*) stated in Westminster Hall, to the confusion of the adverse Party, who however will be restless.

July 14 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. Tanner called upon me in the
10 afternoon and delivered to and gave me the following note, occasioned by what I told him of *simenellus salu'* or *simenellus sal'*, mentioned in the Black Book of the Exchequer that I am printing:—

Reg. Oseney¹ fol. 242. Abbas et conventus concesserunt quod invenient . . . duos panes, qui vocantur magnae michiae, unam bisam michiam, unam salam michiam, unum grossum panem &c.

July 15 (Mon.). Mr. Wood tells us that what now in Oxford is called St. Mary Hall Lane, was anciently called Schidyrd Street, Mr. Twyne Schildyerdstret. Mr. Twine's is the truer Reading,² so that that was the Place at Oxford where shields were both made and sold.

20 **Mr. Smith**, in what he calls his Annals of University College, is so violently biassed by passion as to call the most eminent Writers, and the most famous men besides, by the names of Fools and I know not what, that are not of his mind; & yet he is so dark, obscure, injudicious, inelegant, false a writer as to deserve a worse character than the worst of those he dissents from can deserve.

July 16 (Tu.). About a Quarter of a year since they began to build a new Chappel for Pembroke College next to Slaughter Lane.

About 5 or 6 years ago died at Northmore in Oxfordshire Mr. Richard Playdell. He is buried there. He had been many years Head Master
30 of Abbingdon School. He was an excellent Master, only he was thought too mild. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of St. Mary Hall, June 27, 1672. He left off his school several years before he died. He was never married. I do not know of anything that he either wrote or published.

July 17 (Wed.). Mr. Smith is so daring as to say that Ranulph Higden was the first Historian that broached the story of King Alfred's founding schools or Halls at Oxford. Higden died A.D. 1363. And yet Thomas Sprot, who flourished A.D. 1274, had expressly said the same

July 17, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 23). 'Mr Crynes had your Billet. I leave him to answer it. . . What the Author, you speak of, hath said against what I have published [about King Alfred and University College] is downright false.' [See next letter.]

July 17, 1728. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 60). 'I was sorry to

¹ This extract is from the Oseney Cartulary in Ch. Ch. Treasury.—Ed.

² On the contrary, Wood's is the truer reading. The name never has an -l- in ancient charters.—Ed.

in his Chronicle, where p. 105, are these words: 'Iste Aluredus scholas publicas Oxoniae primus instituit &c.'¹

July 18 (Thur.). The more I think of Mr. Smith's Book, the more I am confirmed about King Alfred's founding Schools at Oxford, particularly the three famous Halls, one of w^{ch} was Great University Hall, now University Coll.

This Man is so ignorant as to make A. Wood first write his Book of the Hist. of Oxford in English, & being translated by the care of B^p Fell into Latin, he takes it that Mr. Wood afterwards translated the Latin back into English, & that this is that w^{ch} now remains in the Museum. 10 Utterly wrong. Mr. Wood was so far from translating the Latin that he never approved of the Latin Edition. Nor is there any English Copy in the Museum. That w^{ch} should be there is the original English, as Mr. Wood wrote it himself, but is now in the School Tower & Mr. Smith had it many years.

July 19 (Fri.). On Wednesday last the Bells rung out at Oxford for Mr. Dodwell (the Lawyer) of Oxford, who died a little while before very suddenly of an Apoplexy at London. Tho' he was but a young man, yet he hath had two Wives; by the first of w^{ch} he hath left two pretty Daughters & by the second three children behind him. He was 20 an enemy to the poor and beloved by few or none. (He was brought from London, & buried in St. Marie's Church, Oxon., Saturday night, July 20.)

Yesterday called upon me Mr. James Gibson, minister of Wootton Underwood near Brill, in Bucks. As he is well acquainted at Piddington, I must desire him to get me some account of the old Hermitage of Musewell in Piddington, that was given to the Benedictine Abbey of Missenden in Bucks., founded in the Reign of Hen. I., in w^{ch} Reign the said Gift of the Hermitage was made to it. The Hermitage was dedicated to the Holy Cross, and was situated in a very solitary place. 30

This morning, just before ten Clock, I delivered back into his own hands, at his Lodgings at X^t Church, to Dr. Tanner, Ant. Wood's MS. Life of himself, that Dr. Tanner had lent me, and now Dr. Tanner lent me an old Paper, a Copy of w^{ch} here follows:—

The longe stable,
vacat.

Mr. Bysley Lodgyng,
vacat.

All the same stable is utterly taken away; Christes Church had vi lode of slattes of the same.

That is greate decaye and Ruine. The particions, dores, windows, Iron, glasse is spoyled & gone; the bordes of the flowre in diverse places taken awaye. The length of that lodgyng 55 Fote; the bredth 25 Fote; 40 the tymber of the Rowgh is very good.

hear of your Indisposition. Pray take care of yourself. This Ague here with us often returns, without due care. . . . Mr. Smith's book I received from the Author, whom I never saw nor heard of before. I am no competent Judge of your Oxford Antiquities, but I like the Book no better for what he has said of you.'

¹ See Sprot's Chronicle, printed by Hearne. But what Hearne ascribed to Sprot was compiled after 1330, and though it may contain some of Sprot's work, it is not known how much.—Ed.

An other howse ioyn-
ing to the same
Lodgyng at the est
ende, vacat.

Where thalmes men
lay, vacat.
Dorter.

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Frater.

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The slaughter house
with other houses of
office joynd thereto,
vacat.

Abbotte John's hall,
vacat.

The leadid Lodgyng
or M^r Lodgyng.

30

The parlour under-
neth M^r lodgyng.

The kylne house with
the furnese house
vacat.

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M^r. Belsyer stable
unoccupied.

The lofte over the
scole unoccupied.

The scole M^r cham-
ber, unoccupied.

The scole house un-
occupied.

M^r. Haynes lodgyng
vacat.

50

The great Hall.

There be particions with the lofte taken away in
much Ruine with evell tymber, in length 40 fote.

There is dores, wyndowes, iron is all taken away and
yt is in utter decaye, in length 30 fote.

At the ende of the same were ii propre chambers well
glasyd, Ironed with a particion, ii goodly dores of weyns-
kote all spoyld & gone.

The length 169 foote ; in bredth 32 Fote ; thone syde
is all sklate, except 20 Fote ; thother syde 40 Fote
sklated ; the Rough ys good. The length of the rafters
36 Fote very good. The gutters leyd with leade through
owte both sydes ; Gone utterly.

The length 140 Fote ; the pyllours & Irons of the
wyndowes spoyld & gone ; The bredth 36 Fote all
sklattyd.

The gutters of leade on both sydes taken away cleane ;
All the whole is spoyled through ; The pulpet therein is
also spoyled ; The length of the Rafters 38 Fote.

The length 40 Fote, the bredthe 24 Fote ; meane
tymber in decaye.

The length 84 Fote ; The particions, wyndows, dores
cleane gone. In greate decaye. The tymber indif-
ferente ; All sklated.

The length 46 Fote, the bredthe 34 ; good tymber,
unoccupied ; well sklated, goog (*sic*) Rough with glased
(*sic*) with Irons, the depnesse of the Roughe 40 Fote ;
The gutter of thone syde leaded cleane taken awaye.

The length 45 Fote coueryd with leade, the bredth
16 fote, the leade is taken awaye in some places,
wherby yt goyth to decaye. The Raighe proper and
handsome.

There all the glasse is gone.

The length 76, the bredthe 32 Fote. In great decaye,
well tymbryd and a very good Rough. Ther be ii prin-
cipall postes standyng in the same house ; The house
longe unoccupied ; much sklate taken awaye ii sommers
standyng with the kylne betwene and vi other pecis
lyeng in the Floure.

The depth of the Rough 30 Fote. The length
40 Fote ; in bredth 16.

The length 50 Fote, the bredth 24. There is a newe
Flowre, well sklatyd, a good Rough.

The length 24, the bredthe 16 Foote, well sklatyd.
The bordes of the flowre new partly taken away and the
wyndowes gone. The gutters of leade taken awaye.

The barres of Iron beyng substanciall cleane gone
with the glasse.

The glasse taken awaye, the whole barres of Iron are
there yet.

Whiche M^r. Stumpe wolde have had a lofte in, is
of length 59 fote, the bredth 33, wherein we fownde
good tymber spoyled to the fyer. There is no pece of
tymber unoccupied in the hole house that will serve for
this hall flowre.

The yatt house vacat
withowte steyres.
The lytle chamber
nere to the same
vacat. The porter's
lodge vacat.

The greate barne
vacat.

The length 88 fote, the bredthe 28; a competent
good Roughe of tymbre, the depth 30 fote, good sklate.
The whiche is all in Ruynes and decaye.

The length 88 fote; the bredth 28; The tymber
meane; The sklate competente good; The depth of the
Roughe 30 fote; There lacketh the greate porche with
the greate dores.

Indorsed. S. Nicholas, Osney; Stumpe: Accompt of the Decayes in the old
Abbey of Osney.

July 20 (Sat.). Mr. James Gibson told me (on Thursday last) that 10
he is 62 years of Age.

About a Fortnight since one Mr. Spense, a young Master of Arts of
New College, was elected without opposition Publick Reader of Poetry
of the Univ. of Oxon. This Mr. Spense hath written and published
a Criticism upon Pope's Translation of Homer's Odysseys, for w^{ch} he hath
been cryed up.

July 21 (Sun.). Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. told me yesterday that
he hath got in the Country a Folio MS. in English containing Coats of
Arms & the History of Families since the Conquest. He intends to
lend it me. 20

Dr. Miles Stapylton, who is Rector of Horspenden or Harding¹, near
Henley in Oxfordshire, is a good Scholar and a worthy man. He hath
been a Traveller, and hath a good Study of Books. He is a single
man, having never been married, and very rich. He was formerly
Fellow of All Souls Coll. He had a hand in the Translation of
Plutarch's Lives into English. That life he did in Plutarch's Lives is
Caius Marius, w^{ch} some say is the best Translation of the whole. That
Dr. was of University College before he was of All Souls. I know not
whether he hath any thing else printed.

July 22 (Mon.). This day Dr. Tanner went for Norwich, having 30
been from thence but a little while. He told me on Friday last, when
he lent me the Paper about Osney, w^{ch} I returned in the Evening, that
he believed he should find in the Treasury (he being now Treasurer of
X^t Ch.) more Papers of the same kind.

July 23 (Tu.). Mr. Strickland, Mancipal of Brasenose College, is
now near 47 years old, a stout lusty Man, as was his Father before him,
who lived to a great Age, and was Scrape-Trencher of that College,
a good profitable Place, w^{ch} he well deserved, having been an old honest
stout Cavalier, and very faithfull and trusty to all his Masters, by whom
he was accordingly well beloved, and lived to a great age. 40

July 24 (Wed.). Mr. James Gibson some time ago told me by
Letter, that his Grammatical Notes or Remarks have met with approba-
tion among the Masters of Eaton College. He told me the same also

¹ Harpsden is meant.—Ed.

the other day, when he was in Oxford. I asked him, if he had had any Letter from any one of them. He said not, only by word of mouth from two School boys of Eaton, sons of the late Mr. Greenville, whom, before they went to Eaton, Mr. Gibson taught. He seems now, upon this account, fully resolved to print these Remarks, and some other things of the same nature.

July 25 (Thur.). Yesterday, very early in the morning, died of the Cholick (w^{ch} she had to a very violent degree) M^{rs}. Eliz. Basse, the Wife of Mr. Thomas Basse, victualler, of Cat Street in Oxford, in the 60th 10 Year of her Age, she being born on the 5th of June, anno 1669. Her first Husband's name was Hen. Stevens, who died on June 16, 1722. She was a strong lusty hearty Woman, and might have lived many years longer, had not she had this distemper, with w^{ch} she hath been afflicted several times before, and I am told she had a Rupture. On Saturday last (being Jul. 20), and on Sunday morning till about 10 Clock, she was very well, brisk & merry, and was afterwards very suddenly seiz'd in such a manner as nothing would pass her, tho' she had three Glysters. Her Husband, a man of 46 years of age, had been very ill of the same distemper on the Friday night immediately before, but having some ease 20 on Saturday, on Saturday night he had it again, w^{ch} put her into a great fright, so that she got out of bed, & stirring much, without her Cloaths being on, it was in all probability the immediate cause of her Illness. She was an honest Woman, very carefull & industrious, and of such prudence, discretion, & understanding in an House, that she hath hardly left behind her her equal in Oxford.

July 26 (Fri.). On Tuesday last, Mr. Browne (Bursar of University Coll.) told me, that Mr. Smith's Book is a most abominable lying wicked Thing, & contrary even to what himself had formerly entered, when Bursar, in their College Books.

30 **July 27 (Sat.).** Yesterday in the Fvening, between 5 and 6 Clock, M^{rs}. Basse was buried by her first husband and only Child (a boy) in St. Marie's Church, Oxford. The said boy died many years ago of the small Pox.

On the 24th I received from Mr. Baker a Transcript of Hen. Vth's Patent anno regni 7, Nov. 26, *de mutuo regi faciendo*, copied by him from Dr. Sanderson's Copy, w^{ch} Mr. Sanderson is the same that continued Rymer and made the Indexes to him, and indeed (as I have often heard) had the chief hand in all or most of the Transcripts in that Work.

Mr. Joseph Day of St. Marie's Parish, Oxford (good at History) was 40 born Sept. 10, 1662.

Mr. Samuel Parker, son of the B^p of Oxon. of that name, is 51 years of age. So he told me yesterday. His Father died of the Cholick, and he is often afflicted with the same.

July 28 (Sun.). Yesterday Morning, about 4 Clock, M^{rs}. Eliz. Shepherd (wife of Mr. John Shepherd) of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, was delivered of a son, being her fifth Child. [It was baptized by the name of John on Thursday, Aug. 22nd. It died of the small Pox, Sund.

morning, Oct. 30th, 1728, buried that Evening in St. Peter's in the East churchyard.]

Mr. Smith allows Wilton's Assize, if it were genuine, to be good proof for Alfred's founding University Coll., but then he makes it spurious. I never saw it, only what is in Twyne, & 'twas him I followed in my Glossary to Pet. Langtoft, and good authority he is, and a far better Judge of Things of this kind than Mr. Smith, who wants Judgment, Impartiality, and Candour, as is plain from his book, in w^{ch} he makes every thing spurious that happens to be against himself.

Justus Lipsius ac Joannes Seldenus in ea fuerunt sententia, ut ¹⁰ existimarint Salvatoris crucem e quercu fuisse. Vide Seldeni Metamorph. Angl. p. 26. Quam sententiam & ipse etiam lubens amplector.

July 29 (Mon.). Mr. Selden never minded collecting Inscriptions in Churches or Coats of Arms. Nor did he ever much travel, but kept himself, as much as he could, close and retired to his books. He was a proud man, and had certainly a vast stock of reading and learning, but his Judgment and reasoning were but indifferent.

July 30 (Tu.). On Wednesday the 24 inst., died Mr. John Croke, Porter of Magd. Hall in Oxford, and was buried in St. Peter's in the East Church Yard, on Friday night, July 26th. He had been Porter there ²⁰ a great many years, and had carefully wrote down and kept an account of all the Graduates of that Hall, and of all that died of it, for about 30 years. He was near 70 years of Age, was a very honest, good natured, merry man, and very well beloved. He was a single man, and what he had saved (about 50 or 60 libs.) goes to his Brother (a married man, who hath many children) of Bladon, near Woodstock.

Mr. Selden made great use of Coins in his books, yet he had no Collection, or but a slight one, of them, but had always recourse to Sir Robert Cotton's, w^{ch} is the reason that Things of that nature did not come with his books to the Bodleian Library; but then he had many ³⁰ ancient Marbles w^{ch} came to Oxford with the books.

July 31 (Wed.). Mr. Selden in his *Analecta Anglo-Brit.*, and elsewhere, pays a great deference to the Authority of Geffry of Monmouth, and so do likewise a great number of learned Writers (many of w^{ch} were much more judicious than Mr. Selden) besides; and 'tis very absurd to decry every thing at once in him, because some things are found to be fabulous, and others inconsistent. It is a great wonder that more inconsistencies have not been found in him, considering that in those more early times they had not writings to convey things to posterity, but trusted to their memories, and the like may be said with respect to Joseph of ⁴⁰ Arimathaea's coming into Britain, planting the Christian Religion here, and building the first Church, the story of w^{ch} was even believed by

July 31, 1728. Edm. Archer to H. (Rawl. MS. D. 378 (278)). Sends copies of the letters written in the time of Edward II about the canonization of William de Marchia, and of a commission to shut up a monk in his solitary apartment, taken from the Registers of the Bp. of Bath and Wells. 'Mr. Prowse, Mr. Tottenham and I drank your health yesterday at my house.'

Mr. Selden, as may appear in his *Analecta*, a man otherwise of but little religion.

Aug. 1 (Thur.). Anniversarium concessum Thome Rotherham Linc. episcopo (in collegio Regali Cant:) Maii 8, anno dom. 1475. Mr. Baker's Letter, July 17, 1728.

At Cambridge the governing or chief officer was styled *Praepositus* in the Reigns of King John and Hen. III. How much sooner Mr. Baker cannot say. In the latter end of Hen. III's reign he is styled *maior*. Anno 52 Hen. III, Mr. Baker finds Jo. Martyn maior, and constantly
10 after.

He told me Dr. Woodward's fossils were expected at Cambridge on the 17th inst. at night. The settling his Professorship will be a work of more time.

Aug. 2 (Fri.). On Tuesday last at 10 Clock at night died Mr. Brooks, Gent. Com. of Univ. Coll., and was buried the next night at 10 Clock in the Vestry there. He died of the small Pox, being the ixth day. He was about a year and an half's standing, and was a very studious, sober, hopefull, and civil young Gent. His Mother was present at his death, coming out of the Country (Kent, I think). It is very remarkable (what
20 hath been told by many in my hearing for certain truth) that this young Gentleman hath left ten Aunts (sisters to, and who live with, his Father) the youngest of w^{ch} is above 30 years of Age, all Maidens, not one of them having yet been married, and yet every one of them hath a good Fortune.

Aug. 3 (Sat.). Yesterday Mr. Gilman, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford (a lusty, hearty, thick, short man), told me that he is in the 85th year of his Age, and that at the Restauration of K. Charles II, being much afflicted with the King's Evil, he rode up to London behind his Father, was touched on a Wednesday morning by that King, was in
30 a very good condition by that night, and by the Saturday night immediately following was perfectly recovered, and so hath continued ever since. He hath constantly wore the piece of Gold about his neck, that he received of the King, and he had it on yesterday when I met him.

Yesterday I walked to Seckworth (between Botley and Wightham) and so to Wightham and returned back the same way.

Seckworth hath been a very considerable Town. There is nothing now there but a single house (in w^{ch} Mr. Ellyot the Butcher's servants sometimes lodge, the ground belonging to Mr. Ellyott) and two or three hovells for cattle and some hay-ricks. The great road formerly passed
40 from Ensham through it and so through Binsey to Oxford. There was a Church there. The Parish reached quite from Wightham to Botley. At the north end of Botley is a single house, said to be in no parish, unless it be in the parish of Windsor, and so they say of Seckworth (w^{ch} pays no tithes¹) that 'tis in no parish, unless it be Windsor.

¹ For Hearne's errors about Seckworth, see Vol. ix, p. 399. If Seckworth paid no tithes (i. e. great tithes), it must be that on the Dissolution of Stodley Priory, which owned the church, they were acquired by the Lord of the Manor and merged.—Ed.

Aug. 4 (Sun.). There is a long account of Anna Bolen's being Hen. VIIIth's own Daughter in a little Book entit. *Confutacio caussarum quibus Elizabetha Angla classarios suos adductos fuisse, libello in lucem edito, declarat ad naves non paucas onerarias Hanseaticorum in Oceano Occidentali intercipiendas. Anno MDXXCIX [sic]. Auctore G. J. A.* Mr. West hath the book.

Aug. 5 (Mon.). On Saturday morning last died, in All Souls College, doctor John Irish, Fellow of that College, aged (according as I apprehend) 85, tho' others say not so much, nor indeed does what I have formerly observed of him reach to that age. He was born of Dutch parents, and ¹⁰ was originally of Edm. Hall, as a member of which he took the degree of Bach. of Civ. Law, Oct. 10, 1671, and being that year elected Fellow of All Souls College, he proceeded Dr. in that Faculty on Nov. 20, 1677, and hath lived there ever since. He was a very great Whig, yet had no Preference, other than being official of the Bp of Oxford's Court. He did several good Things by way of Charity, but then it cannot be commended, that having a great Fortune he should eat so many years the bread of the Founder, w^{ch} was certainly designed for poor Scholars. He hath left behind him a brother and a nephew. His Brother is his Executor and (he being absent, I think in Holland) Mr. W^m Ives, the apothecary, is his ²⁰ trustee. He had before given away a vast deal to this brother. The Dr. was a good Scholar and studious, & as long as I have known him very regular. But as to the former part of his life, I can say nothing of my own knowledge. But there goes this story of him (and few or none doubt the truth of it) that being a very handsome, comely, tall young man, a fine Lady coming to the Angel Inn in Oxford, and having no children, nor likely to have any by her Husband, she was so enamoured with this young Gentleman, that she had him at her Inn, treated him very handsomely, made her case known to him, & declared her desires of having him to be her Bedfellow for at least one night, offering a very handsome ³⁰ gratuity, if things succeeded (as she did not doubt from what his person promised but they would) according to her wish. He readily condescended to her proposal, & so fully satisfied her desires, that having given him all imaginable thanks, after she retired from Oxford she was delivered of a very fine boy (that lived & for ought I know may be living still) to her unspeakable joy (he being Heir), after w^{ch} she constantly every year sent the Dr. a purse of Gold (as she had presented him with one when he arose from her bed at Oxford) by way of gratitude & respect, till such time as he discovered it (& the name of the Lady too, as they say, tho' I could never learn her name) after w^{ch} she withdrew ⁴⁰ her Benefaction & the Dr. heard no more from her. He was buried this Day in the afternoon in All Souls College chappell.

Aug. 6 (Tu.). Mr. Osbaldiston (nearly related to Sir W^m Osbaldiston, Bart.), who is a chandler in Oxford, was born A^o 1695.

Aug. 6, 1728. H. to John Anstis (Diaries, 119. 117). Asks if he can say what is become of the original of the Black Book; also asks whether *Scala Mundi* and *Evesham* (see Vol. ix, p. 400), which are in the Heralds' Office, contain things of moment not already published.

Aug. 7 (Wed.). Lent me lately by Thomas Ward, Esq., w^{ch} he had borrowed, (1) A Treatise of Almes, MS. 8^{vo}, written by George Talbott, who dedicates it to his Father, Mr. George Talbott. The Dedication dated at Rouen, 7th March, 1584. (2) A 4^{to} Paper MS. of eleven leaves, being an account of a Young Man's being possessed of a Devil and dispossessed by an Exorcist. He was (it seems) bewitched by an old Woman as he was at a wedding, dancing with the bride and making merry, upon Sunday, June 10th, 1621, w^{ch} old Woman (who had been suspected before by many to be a Witch) was mother to the Bride. She dranke to
 10 this youth and greatly did seeme to rejoyce, saying, 'She was glad to see him grown to so proper a man,' and cherishingly she stroke his cheek, at which time he felt an extreme stincking smell and an ill savour and tast [*sic*] in his mouth, w^{ch} as he thought came from her mouth, after w^{ch} he grew very ill. 'Tis a Popish account and stuffed with idle tales, not fit to be believed.

On Saturday last, Aug. 3^d, died M^{rs}. Fyndall, the Wife of Mr. W^m Fyndall, one of the Theater Printers, at her Husband's House in St. Gyles's Parish in Oxford, a Woman of above fourscore years of age. She was buried yesterday in the Afternoon at Marston, near Oxford, where her
 20 husband hath an Estate.

Aug. 8 (Thur.). On Tuesday night last, died M^r. Kent, of Wolvercot, near Oxford. He happened to be struck, on Sunday, July 28, by one of his Cows as he was milking her, his Maid being by. The flys [*sic*] disturbing the cow, she turned her, and beat one of his eyes out with one of her horns, w^{ch} threw him into a violent fever that proved his Death. He was an honest man & wealthy, and brought milk to Oxford many years.

Aug. 10 (Sat.). Bousehill, by Foxcomb, is a strange, retired, solitary place. It is the same as Bousehill, or Oxhill, or rather Woodhill, tho' others say Boarshill. It is a more pleasant place than Wotton, that is
 30 a little below it. There are about seven houses at this Bousehill.

Aug. 11 (Sun.). M^r. Tredwell, of Oxford, Father in Law to M^r. Dodwell of that Place, barber, is ninety years of Age, a very hearty lusty man, & walks sometimes in a morning to Bessilsley, four miles distant from Oxford, and back again by dinner time.

In my Preface to Gulielmus Neubrigensis is mention made of, and

Aug. 7, 1728. H. to Roger Gale (Rawl. 6. 56, *draft*). Sends two copies of Elmham, which are for his brother, Samuel Gale.

Aug. 8, 1728. H. to John Murray at John's Coffee House, Swithin's Alley, near the Royal Exchange (Rawl. 112. 248; Diaries, 119. 119). At the end of the *Black Book* is the *Constitution of the King's Household*. As M. had stated that he had something of the same kind in his own collection, H. would like to know whether it gives the stipends of the several officers, and whether, like that in the *Black Book*, it is of the reign of Henry II.

c. **Aug. 9, 1728** (received by H. Aug. 11). J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 97). There is a *Black Book* still in the Receipt of the Exchequer, in the keeping of the Chamberlains, and he thinks there is also a Little *Black Book*.

something taken from, Mr. John Norden's Preparative¹ to his *Speculum Britanniae*, some parts of which *Speculum Britanniae* have been printed, and the other parts are in MSS. Silvanus Morgan had several Pieces thereof. Hence at the end of his *Language of Arms* he gives us this Memorandum: 'The Author doth also advise that he had and can still procure several pieces of John Norden his SPECVLVM BRITANNIÆ, viz. Kent, Essex, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, the Isles of Whight, Gersey and Garnsey.' 'Tis very observable that in his Picture² or Map of Middlesex there are the Effigies of two Gentlemen (one on each side), whereof one is the Lord Cecil and the other Mr. Norden himself. This 10 Mr. Norden had a Patent about concealed Lands, and being found out in some faults, such as backwardness in Returning the Money, &c., it occasioned him to write his pious Books, whereof there are several. He was Surveyor of the Queen's Lands on this side Trent, and had surveyed all the Kingdom, as appears from Speed, who made use of his Draughts, in the same manner as afterwards, in the Edition of Speed's maps that came out at London in 1676, they ascribed to Speed the *Invasions of England and Ireland with all their Civil Warrs since the Conquest*, without any notice of Norden, tho' 'twas really the same with the *View of the Battles in England since the Conquest*, done by Norden's own hand, that formerly 20 hung³ in the Bodleian Picture Gallery, yet with this difference, that Norden's had not Ireland.⁴ Now Speed having copied Norden (and improved him in many respects) after Speed's Book came out, it made Norden's work itself less inquired after, and particularly also for this reason, that Norden had forfeited his Reputation in good measure, partly as he had not been faithfull in his trust, and partly as he was a Puritan, tho' not a Minister of God's Word or Presbyterian Teacher. I could say many things of him, particularly about his printed map of Hampshire (which is rarely to be seen),⁵ his MS. account of Windsor,⁶ his Abstract of the General Survey of the Soke of Lindsesey, in the county of Lincoln, 30 with all the manners, townships, lands, and tenements therein, or belonging to the same, being a parcel of the Dutchy of Cornwall, 1616, fol. MS. (formerly in Sir Norton Knatchbull's Library as appears from the Auction Catalogue of Sir Norton's Books), but I shall quite wave them. Nor had I noted thus much, had it not been to undeceive some, who have entertained other thoughts of Norden's merits than really belonged to him.

Aug. 12 (Mon.).

[A list of the duplicate books in the Library of Thomas Ward, Esq., and the prices at which he would dispose of them.]

Aug. 13 (Tu.). On Saturday last, Aug. 10, was published in London 40 (and delivered to subscribers by I. Richardson, in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street), The History of Hertfordshire, Describing the County, and its

¹ Coll. MSS., vol. xlix, p. 232, vol. xciii, p. 76. [This apparently refers to Hearne's collection of MSS.]

² Coll. MSS., vol. xlvii, p. 157.

³ See my 'Letter containing an Account of some Antiquities between Windsor and Oxford'; Oxford, 1725, 8vo.

⁴ Coll. MSS., vol. li, p. 133.

⁵ Coll. MSS., vol. cviii, p. 3.

⁶ Coll. MSS., vol. xlix, p. 232.

ancient Monuments, particularly the Roman : with the Character of those that have been Chief Possessors of the Lands, and an Account of the most Memorable Occurrences, by N. SALMON, L.L.B.

In St. Marie's Parish in Oxford lives one Mr. Sharp, a taylor, a poor man, said by several to be ninety-eight years of age, tho' others say he is not ninety. Enquire more about him. All agree that he is very old.

Sir Stephen Glynn's Ladie was and is still an extraordinary handsome Woman, tho' far from being virtuous. Neither is Sir Stephen himself famed for any Virtue. They live separate. She was always extraordinary
 10 gay, and as few exceeded her in beauty, and therefore men were extremely fond of her, so she was as desirous of the company of handsome men.

Aug. 14 (Wed.). The Kings of England used to cure the epilepsy or falling Sickness with consecrated rings: *And. Laurentius de mir. strumar. sanatione, p. 29.* The Kings of England consecrated such Rings on Easter day. Such a Ring preserved in the Archives at Westminster, *ib. p. 29.* There is strange virtue in some Rings, *ib. p. 30.* We need not therefore wonder that some have written entire tracts (and those curious ones too) about Rings. The Kings of Hungary cure the Jaundice, *ib. p. 31.*
 20 *Reges Hispaniae signo crucis expellunt daemones, ib. p. 31.* And indeed most religious, virtuous, & sober people believe the sign of the Cross to be of good effect, however laughed at by buffoons.

Aug. 16 (Fri.). On the 26th of July last died, at London, of a violent Feaver, Dr. John Frieind, the youngest Brother of Dr. Robert Frieind, Head Master of Westminster School, so that now there are only two of the three Brothers left, viz. the said Dr. Robert Freind and the Rev. Mr. W^m Frieind. This Dr. John Frieind (who was little more than fifty years old) was formerly Student of X^t Church, and was in Portugal & Spain with the Earl of Peterborough, a Vindication of whom he wrote
 30 and published. Upon his Return he practised Physick in London, and grew very eminent in his Profession, and got thereby what Money he pleased. He was a very ingenious, learned man, and an elegant Writer, whether in Latin or English, but then he was very proud and knew his own Abilities too well. Being a great Tory, he was chosen a member of Parliament & put into the Tower in the old Duke of Brunswick's Reign, at the same time that Bishop Atterbury was troubled, but being at length released, at the coming of the present Duke of Brunswick to the Crown he was made Physician to his Dutchess or Princess (commonly called Queen Caroline) & was mightily caressed by many of the Whiggs, & no
 40 one hardly doubted but he had changed sides out of a covetous disposition

Aug. 15, 1728. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 148). Sends the MS. of the account of the Wardrobe of Edward II when Prince of Wales. Cannot fix the guinea upon Mr. Bateman, who says he shall think himself obliged if H. will be pleased to accept the book.¹ Goes for Sacomb to-morrow, and before returning to London intends to see Mr. Baker. Is glad to hear that H. has recovered his health.

¹ Apparently a copy of Norden.—Ed.

(for he was noted for this Vice), and I have often heard him mightily condemned on this account as a Coward and a Trimmer. Tho' he was so excellent a Physician, yet he was negligent of himself at last, having been out of order for some time, and if he but used seasonable application, the danger might have been prevented; but whether his Head was touched, or whatever was the matter, he used such methods as were pernicious, and particularly by taking two or three most violent strong Purges, w^{ch} weakened him to such a degree, that he was past all Remedy, when three other Physicians, Dr. Mead, Dr. Hulse, and Dr. Broxholm, prescribed to and had the management of him. He took the Degree of 10 M.A., April 12, 1701; that of Bach. of Phys., June 1, 1703, and that of Dr. of Phys. by Diploma, July 12, 1707. He hath written and published many things, the first of w^{ch}, I think, was Ovid's *Metamorph.* with notes in the manner of those *in usum Delphini*, while he was an undergraduate. One of his last was his *History of Physick* in two vols., a book (as his others do) that bears a good Reputation.

Aug. 17 (Sat.). About three Weeks since died, of a Feaver, at Croyden in Surrey, M^{rs}. Jane Rance, the youngest Daughter of my late Printer, Mr. John Rance, she having retired thither from London for her health. She was buried in London. She died in the 24th year of 20 her age, being born on May 1st, 1695. She was a very pretty young Woman. One Mr. Polwheel of New College, Chaplain, a young Gentleman, was in love with her and she with him.

Dr. Henry Plumtree, M.D., was lately elected, by a Majority only of one Vote, Professor of Physic in Gresham College in room of Dr. Woodward deceased. This Dr. Plumtree is a vain, conceited, forward man, & hath lately written & published a Book in 4^{to}, for w^{ch} he had a vast number of subscribers, called *a View of Sir Isaac Newton's Chronology*, a sad, wretched, obscure Book, far more difficult to be understood than Sir Isaac's own Books, w^{ch} however he pretends to explain & set in so clear 30 a light that the meanest Capacities (even the Ladies) should at first sight understand Sir Isaac's Philosophy.

Aug. 18 (Sun.). In the Mus. Ashmol., among Mr. Wood's Books, is a Copy (in large Paper) of Godwin De Praesulibus with large MSS. notes, a few of w^{ch} are Mr. Camden's, to whom the book once belonged, many others of Brian Twyne's, to whom also the book once belonged, and the rest (w^{ch} are very many) are Mr. Wood's own. B^p Godwin, at the Conclusion of his account of Thomas Rotherham, Archb^p of York, writes thus (p. 71 in Part II): 'Peste tandem dicitur extinctus Maii 29, 1500, Cawodiae, annos natus 76, & in capella B. Mariae tumulo conditus 40 est marmoreo, quem sibi vivus fabricari curavit.' Upon this Mr. Wood notes thus: 'sepultus est in com. Bedford in ecclesia parochiali de Luton; sic reg. Coll. Lync. antiquus f. 126,' and I am told that there is now a monument to him in Luton Church. But I am apt to think 'tis

Aug. 17, 1728. Marmaduke Fothergill to H. (Rawl. 5. 107). 'In great old age, your old friend greets you heartily.' His son wishes to take the degree of Bachelor of Law at Oxford. What would the cost be? [See Aug. 29.]

a mistake. For in his will, made by him the 6th of August, 1498, he desires to be buried *in brachio boriali*, the north Wing of the Chapell of St. Mary in his Cathedral Church of York, *in ecclesia mea Ebor'*, *ubi feci tumulum marmoreum*. Tho' the will was begun to be made on Aug. 6, yet 'twas not finished till the 24th of that month, being his Birthday, on w^{ch} he had compleated 75 years, being born the 24th of Aug. A^o 1423, the 1st year of the Reign of Hen. VI. So that for 76 in B^p Godwin¹ should be put 77, if he died May 29, 1500. He had a nephew called Sir Thomas Rotherham K^t, who (I think) is buried 10 in Luton Church, and thence perhaps arose the Mistake.

On the 16th inst., being Friday, died Mr. Thomas Hyerons, baker, at his mother's House, a widow woman in St. Clement's, near Oxford, a young single man of 22 years of age, to the great Grief and loss of his mother, he being a most dutifull child, and of a great Character, & the very stay & hopes of the family, his mother carrying on the baking Trade, her late husband, Mr. John Hyerons, being a Baker. He was buried last night about 10 Clock in St. Peter's Church Yard.

Aug. 19 (Mon.). From Mist's Journal for Sat., Aug. 17, 1727:—

[The inscription on the tomb of Sir John Packington K^t, who died Aug. 13, 20 1727.]

In the same Church lies Sir John Packington, K^t and Bart., and his Lady, Grandfather and Grandmother to Sir John. The first tried for his Life, and spent the greatest Part of his Fortune in adhering to King Charles I, and the latter justly reputed the Authoress of *The Whole Duty of Man*, who was exemplary for her great Piety and Goodness.

Aug. 20 (Tu.). On Friday last, at two clock in the Afternoon was a Convocation, when Mr. James Stephens of Corpus X^{ti} Coll. (one of Dr. Ratcliff's Physic Fellows) was created M.D. by Diploma. He carried it by a Majority only of one vote, as I hear. He is a great man with the 30 Dutchess of Marlborough, and denyes subscribing to the xxxix Articles of the Church of England. Dr. Leigh, who made a bustle and noise against honest Dr. Fullerton, did not now appear, nor make any stir against this Whiggish Physician; neither did Dr. Frewin; nor did Burton of Corpus (who was before so furious) move now. They were against Dr. Fullerton because he is a Non-Juror, but they are for Stephens because he is an Hanoverian, a Latitudinarian, and a bitter enemy to the rightfull Heir to the Crown.

Aug. 21 (Wed.). At Horspath near Oxford, lives one Joseph Binham, a shepherd. He is a man of about 30 years of age and lives as 40 a servant there to a Farmer. He is a sober man and lays all the Money he can spare out in books, particularly in books of Astrology, to w^{ch} he is mightily inclined, and reads in the Fields where he keeps sheep, as well

Aug. 20, 1728. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 246; Diaries, 119. 133). Thanks for the loan of the Wardrobe of Ed. II; would be glad to know where the original is. 'I acquainted Mr. Bateman, that I thankfully accepted of his kind Present.'

¹ Hearne's arithmetic is wrong, and Godwin's right.—Ed.

as at home. He hath (I am told) made an Almanack very ingeniously, and indeed he is much admired by the people of Horspath, as well as by many others.

Aug. 22 (Thur.). On Sunday, Aug. 11, died in London Dr. William Sherrard, formerly Fellow of St. John's College in Oxford. He took the Degree of Bach. of Civil Law as a member of that College on Dec. 11, 1683, and that of Doctor in the same Faculty on June 23, 1694. After this he travelled into the East, and was Consul at Smyrna, where he collected many Curiosities, such as Inscriptions, Coins, &c., but the best part of his Coins were unfortunately lost. He understood ¹⁰ Botany so well, that he was looked upon as the best Botanist in the World. Many of his Inscriptions are published by Mr. Chishull in the first part of his *Inscriptiones Asiaticae*, a little thin folio (Price a Guinea) with large Notes, w^{ch} notes are of no great moment. Mr. Chishull designs to print the rest hereafter. I do not know of any book published under Dr. Sherrard's name, tho' he be often mentioned with honour by learned Botanists, &c. Yet I think 'twas he that put out the 2^d Ed. of Ray's Synopsis in two Volumes.

Bowles of Oriel College (a man hardly worth mentioning) was designed, much about the time he came to Oxford, to have been an Excise man. ²⁰

Aug. 23 (Fri.). Mr. West hath presented me with a very imperfect Stowe's Summary. It ends in the 18th year of Q. Eliz., A^o 1575, at w^{ch} time, I suppose, it was printed. Mr. West says it is the scarcest of all the Editions.

He hath also given me a little Quarto printed book, full of copper Cutts, intit. *True Information of the Beginning and Cause of all our Troubles. Lond. 1648.* In it is the only Cut Mr. West knows of, of Cheap-side Cross. As I remember, the same Cross is in a little book of R. Burton's or rather Nath. Crouch, the Bookseller's, intit. *The History of the Civil Warrs of England, Scotland and Ireland*; but perhaps it might ³⁰ be taken from this.

Aug. 24 (Sat.). On Wed. last, the Dutchess of Marlborough came from Woodstock in a Coach and six, and dined with Dr. Bradshaw, Dean of X^t Ch., after w^{ch} she visited Dr. Clark of All Souls College, then Mr. Rowney of St. Gyles's, and so returned to Woodstock.

Aug 25 (Sun.). On Tuesday last died the Widow Breminham, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, in the 96th year of her Age, and was buried by her late husband last night in St. Peter's Church Yard.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, died of a Consumption, Mr. William Atkinson, M.A., Rector of Hampton Poyle near Oxford, & Fellow of Queen's Coll., ⁴⁰ Oxon. He died at his elder Brother Mr. Arthur Atkinson's House at Sullhamsted Abbats in Berks. He was looked upon as an honest, sober man, but he was crazed.

Aug. 24, 1728. H. to Dr. Archer, Archdeacon of Wells (Diaries, 119, 137). Thanks for the papers which had been delivered by Mr. Tottenham; also for the present of little old English MS. about our Saviour's Sufferings, made to H. by Peter Davis, Esq., Recorder of Wells.

Aug. 26 (Mon.). On Tuesday last died, at Heddington Wick near Oxford, Mr. John Hunter, M.A. and Fellow of Queen's Coll., Oxon. He was lately one of the Pro-Proctors of the Univ. He was a drunken sot. He went to Heddington Wick the day before he died. He was buried on Thursd. night, Aug. 22nd, at Heddington.

Aug. 27 (Tu.). On Friday, the 23rd of Aug., walking by Chilswell Farm, I met with one John Fowler, who told me that he was shepherd, and had been so for 31 years, to Mr. John Green of that Farm, that he had been before a shepherd at Bous Hill 26 years, and that he was born
 10 at Marsh Baldwin.¹ I had a great deal of Discourse with him, particularly when I met with him again in my Return from Wotton. He told me of many Foundations of old Buildings that had been not long ago dug up about Chilswell, particularly on the Hill as we go towards Boushill, a little south west from the House. He designs to dig at a little distance north from the House for some Antiquities. The Well, from whence they commonly say the Place was denominated, is still to be seen, being about a Furlong East from the House, and they go down to it by steps, and 'tis covered at Bottom with Stone, but 'tis not deep. It is not kept in any order, the Water being very fowl [*sic*], but John
 20 Fowler (an honest man), who loves to talk of antiquities mightily, says he will cleanse it himself in a little time. He told me he had heard of a great battle, that had happened in old time in a Place north west at some distance from the House.

Aug. 28 (Wed.). Mr. Stowe, in p. 21 of his Summary, ed. 1575, quotes Henrie Bradshawe of Chester. To inquire what sort of Chronicle this is, and where now to be met with. He quotes him also in pag. 37, where he also quotes the Recorde of St. Asaph's Church. In pag. 51 he quotes *Brute Booke* and Peter de Ickham.

Aug. 29 (Thur.). In the Cotton Library (Claudius D. vi. 8) is
 30 *Annales R. Edwardi filii Edwardi filii Henrici III ab anno 1307 ad annum 1323, per Fratrem Ioannem de Trokelow.* He is called John Tricklow by Stowe, who in his Annals hath quoted him several times. I wish I had a copy of him. I must therefore remember to write, at some time or other, about him, either to Dr. Mead or else to Mr. James West.²

Aug. 29, 1728. H. to the Rev. Mr. Marmaduke Fothergill, in Massam Street, Westminster (Diaries, 119. 141). Glad to hear again after several years' silence, but cannot answer the Queries except about the degree of Bach. of Law. 'If the person you mention is to go out by Creation, then in that case I know of no statutable Fees. But if he is to take it regularly, I can let you know the Fees, tho' I shall not trouble you with them 'till I understand that he is to take it in a regular way.'

¹ This spelling, peculiar to Hearne, is erroneous. The name was Baldon at the time of Domesday Book and still is.—Ed.

² Note at the end of the volume (p. 216) 'Aug. 29, Mr. Jackson told me Mr. Lindsey is made Rector of Shottesbrooke.'

Aug. 30 (Fri.). The above mentioned Mr. Marmaduke Fothergill [see letter of Aug. 29] is a very Reverend old Clergyman, I think a Non-Juror, who hath lived at Westminster, in Massam Street, several years, where at Westminster he hath had a son at School 8 years, and is now two Terms standing in the Temple, and is intended for a Barrister. Before he came to Westminster, he lived at Pomfret, where, as a Non-Juror, as I take him to be, he was a Sufferer. He is a learned worthy man, but whether he hath published any thing I know not. I think he was a Cambridge man. I must inquire. Mr. Urry, when living, used to speak very honourably of him, & so have all that I ever heard ¹⁰ mention him. He is now in great old age, and very infirm. He hath a very good Study of Books.

Aug. 31 (Sat.). On Wed., Aug. 28, I saw at Oxford and spoke with a begging old man, that is very hearty, and hath all his senses (as I had also seen him begging the Sunday immediately before, being Aug. the 25th), who said and affirmed that he was above an hundred years of age, and had been in all the Civil Warrs, being born in Edinborough in June 1627. He said his name is Robert Smith. His looks shewed him to be very old, and it may be he is of the age he pretends, yet he hath not the speech of either a Scottish or a northern man. ²⁰

Sept. 1 (Sun.). I am well informed that Dr. White Kennett hath a noble Study of Books, some of the principal of which were his brother, Basil Kennett's, late President of Corpus X^{ti} College, Oxford, in respect to w^{ch} Dr. White Kennett dealt fraudulently, both with regard to the University and the College.

The same person also informed me that when Dr. White Kennett understood that his Daughter was married to his Coachman, — Newman, a short red-haired man (son of the late Thomas Newman, Parish Clark of Shottesbrooke in Berks.), he was most strangely nettled and cryed for three days together. This match was occasioned chiefly ³⁰ by the Dr's Wife, who, when strangers came, would not endure that her Daughter-in-law [*sic*] should be in company with them, but forthwith ordered her to retire into the Kitchin or elsewhere among the Servants, w^{ch} made the Girl so familiar with them, that the Coachman and she used frequently to go out together, and he, having once debauched her, soon got her consent and married her, altogether unknown both to her Father and her mother-in-law,¹ her Father having otherwise designed her for a Clergyman, as he after told her, when in his Study he proposed the Match to her, when she plainly told him her Affections were set upon the Coachman, and indeed signified that she was really married to him, ⁴⁰ at w^{ch} her Father was struck with Confusion and Grief, well knowing how gratefull this News would be to his Enemies.

Sept. 2 (Mon.). The Rev. Mr. Benjamin Bly is minister of Piddington, in w^{ch} Parish was the Hermitage of Mussewell, and probably he can give

Sept. 2, 1728. H. to the Honoured Dr. Richardson at North Bierly in Yorkshire (Diaries, 119. 146). Is glad of an opportunity of

¹ Hearne means *stepmother*.

a good account thereof. So Mr. James Gibson, minister of Wotton Underwood in Bucks., told me on Thursday, Aug. 29, which Mr. Gibson was then in Oxford, and told me he had just delivered to Mr. Litchfeild his Grammatical Observations or Remarks, to be printed at his (Mr. Litchfeild's) Press, that they were to be printed in 4^{to}, that the book would make eight sheets, and a thousand were to be printed. He said he had dedicated it to both the Archbishops and to the Convocation.

The said Mr. Gibson hath two children, both by his first Wife, viz. the eldest a Daughter, born, I think, in 1694, and the second a son, Mr. 10 James Gibson, M.A. and a Clergyman, born, I think, in 1695, both at Bray, where the Father was then a Schoolmaster. His wife died of the 3rd child in childhood, and the child died at the same time.

Sept. 3 (Tu.). The Roll I borrowed of Peter Le Neve, Esq., relating to the Norfolk families, I returned safe to Mr. West, who took care to send it me. But it seems now Mr. Le Neve hath told Mr. West that 'tis not Botoner's or W^m Worcester's, as before I had understood from him it was, and therefore he desires me not to take notice of it as such.

I hear Dr. Sherard hath left to the University of Oxford all his Books, Physical Plants, and other Curiosities, and three thousand Pounds besides 20 to endow a Botanick Professorship; the Books to be placed in the Library of the Physick Garden. It seems he hath left nothing at all to St. John's College, where they had not been so kind to him as he expected.¹

Sept. 6 (Fri.). Mr. Baker tells me they have received at Cambridge Dr. Woodward's Fossils, a great Treasure undoubtedly, but Mr. Baker being (as he says) no Judge of such Curiosities, he therefore waved giving an account of them, and instead thereof sent me some short account of his Will, viz.: He leaves to his Executors in trust all his personall estate, debts, Bonds, Bills, Mortgages, &c. (except his Collection 30 of English Fossils in two Cabinets, w^{ch} he leaves to the University of Cambridge) therewith to purchase Lands & Tenements of the yearly value of 150 lib.; the purchase made, to be conveyed over to the University of Cambridge, thereout one hundred pounds to be paid yearly to a Lecturer, to be chosen by his Executors or the Survivor of them, and after by the L^d Archbp of the Province, the Bp of the Diocese, the Presidents of the Coll. of Physicians & of the Royal Society, the two

writing by means of his son, Gent. Com. of Brazennose Coll., who is going home to Yorkshire. The text of the *Black Book* and of *Wm. Worcester* is all printed, but the Appendix, which will contain Archbp. Rotherham's will, is not finished. Would be glad of information about the College at Rotherham, especially about its dissolution. There is at Cambridge a copy of the Statutes of this College, but it is illegible; would be pleased to hear if another copy exists.

Sept. 2, 1728. Thomas Jett to H. (Rawl. 28. 45). Forwards a letter of S. Burroughs asking information about John Alcock (see Diary, Oct. 4).

¹ Note at the end of the volume (p. 216) 'Thursday morning, Sept. 5: Cry of Fire and Murder at Edm. Hall about 1 Clock; the cry continued to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after two or more; Murne and two of Merton, &c. authors.'

Representatives in Parl. whom he allows to vote by Proxy, & by the whole Senate of the said University, that none but Bachelours be chosen, & in case of Marriage the Lecture to become void, a Layman (*ceteris paribus*) to be preferred to a Clergyman, the Lecturer to be subject to such Rules & Orders (not interfering with his Will) as the Electors shall think fit. The Lecturer to reside in the University, not to be absent above two months, & that in the long Vacation, & he to read four Lectures every year (one of ^{wh} at least to be printed) on some one or other of the Subjects treated of in his Natural History of the Earth, his defence of it against Camærarius, his Discourses of Vegetation, or his State of Physic, at discretion, in English or Latin, the said Lecturer to have the care & custody of the Fossils & to attend three days in the week from nine to eleven in the morning and from two till four in the afternoon, to shew them gratis to all curious persons. Two discreet & carefull persons to be appointed to inspect the said Fossils & to compare 'em with the Catalogues, that none be lost, to whom he allows 5 lbs. apiece to be annually paid, & ten pounds annually to the Lecturer, to be laid out in making Observations & Experiments, keeping Correspondencies, &c., &c., ten pounds for a Dinner annually on the first of May for the Chancellor, Vice-chancellor, & Heads of Houses, to the end that they may confer and consider of Methods to improve his Design. The Surplusage to go to the University for Taxes or other Contingencies. But if it falls short, the Lecturer is to make good the deficiency. He appoints his Executors the Hon. Dixey Windsor, Esq.; Hugh Bethel, Esq.; Richard Graham, Esq., & Col. Richard King, and leaves to each of them 20 lbs. for Mourning; dated first of October, 1727. 10

The Will is very long, and yet Mr. Baker is told he has left Instructions to his Executors as long as the Will, which Mr. Baker hath not yet seen.

Since the Dr. was my Friend, Mr. Baker hath sent me his Degree. John Woodward was diplomated M.D. by a Faculty or Letters patent from the Archbp of Cant., Feb. 4, 1694. Admissus ad eundem gradum Cantabrigiae, 1695. 20

Sept. 7 (Sat.). Mr. Baker aforesaid was born in the parish of Lanchester, in the Bishoprick of Durham, at Croke, the Seat of their Family, in a very barren Soil. That Parish is of very large Extent, and the Church was Collegiate, consisting of a Dean and seven Prebendaries, founded or instituted by Anthony, Bp of Durham, 12 Kal. Oct., an. 1283. Mr. Baker does not find the Bp added any Endowments, but according to the use and fashion of instituting collegiate Churches parcelled out the Glebe and Tithes amongst the Dean & Prebendaries, ^{wh} in very large Parishes would (with obits and other perquisits) make a competent maintenance, as Mr. Baker says he can easily judge by the Portions or Shares assigned in this Parish, ^{wh} he is well acquainted with, ^{wh} may be found in Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. iii, part ii, p. 38. And yet this vastly wide Parish, upon the Suppression, had only ten pounds per an. to maintain a Curate, till of late it was augmented by Queen Ann's Bounty, united to that of the late Bp of Durham and other private Benefactors, so that now again there is a sufficient Maintenance, & yet only a Curacy instead of a College. 40

Sept. 8 (Sun.). They are reprinting at London in iv volumes in Folio, L^d Bacon's Works, to ^{weh} will be added several Things never before printed from MSS. Meeting on Friday last with Mr. Crynes, the Beadle, he told me Dr. Rich. Rawlinson had wrote twice to him partly about this affair, whence he guesses that the Dr. is concerned in the Edition. I know not to what purpose they reprint these Things, most of what he hath published being of no great moment, but only Trash. For my own part, I little value any thing of his besides his Hen. VII. The Dr., it seems, desired Mr. Crynes to consult the MSS. given to the
 10 Bodleian Library by Dr. Middleton Massey, who (I remember) formerly gave several MSS., & since I was debarred the Library he hath given (tho' I never saw them, nor do I know how they are disposed of) abundance more. Mr. Crynes said two Hogsheads.

Sept. 9 (Mon.). At Pembroke Hall in Camb. they have elected one Dr. Hawkins into the place of the late Master, Dr. Lany, in prospect, Mr. Baker presumes, of his being a Benefactor, being very wealthy.

I am well informed that Mr. Weeksy, of Oriel Coll., one of the Executors, declares that they will not pay the money Dr. Carter left to that College, till they are forced to it by Law.

20 **Mr. Brereton and Mr. Vesey,** fellows of Lincoln College, told me 'tother day that they know nothing of an old Register in their College, that I told them Ant. à Wood had referred to in a note upon Godwin, in ^{weh} 'tis asserted that their Founder, Thomas Rotherham, was buried in Luton church. Mr. Vesey said he had made notes from their Registers and remembered no such Matter. Mr. Brereton hath no skill in Things of this nature, but Mr. Vesey hath.

Sept. 10 (Tu.). On Saturday, Sept. 7, one Mr. Loden, who lives at Gooseford or Gosworth, told me that he keeps a Dary and that he rents a great deal of Land, about 15 or 16 acres of ^{weh}, being part of Kidlington
 30 Common, he pays rent for it to every one that hath right to the Common, this Part having been inclosed by Consent, and the way of Payment is in the Church, where every man hath his Proportion paid him, without giving any Receipt.

Sept. 11 (Wed.). Mr. Fletcher Gyles, of London, Bookseller, called upon me on Sunday last, Sept. 8. He told me, Dr. John Freind's books (as Dr. Mead had informed him) are to be sold by Auction about November next. He said Dr. Mead had told him they were worth about fourteen hundred Pounds. He said they were books of use, tho' not so much of Curiosity.¹

40 **Sept. 12 (Thur.).** Mr. John Combes, a Basket maker of St. Peter's

Sept. 10, 1728. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 194). Will lend him the life of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, if he likes.

Sept. 12, 1728. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 64). Agrees with H. that Rotherham's will is worth printing.

¹ Note at the end of the volume (p. 216) 'Wed., Sept. 11, afternoon between 3 and 4 Clock, Collins of Edm. Hall's chamber robbed by some one in a riding hood.'

Parish in the East, Oxford, and an honest man, who was born at Wallingford and was apprenticed at Henley upon Thames, says that it manifestly appears that Gray's Court, near Henley, was once of a larger extent and bigger than Blenheim House at Woodstock, ^{weh} I think to be true also from what I have seen of it. It was once a Castle. There are Towers of it still remaining. The said John Combes was born in May, 1684.

One Mr. Luddell, a Chandler, of St. Peter's in the Bailly, Oxford, delights much in old Coins, and picks up many of them. I have had several of him.

To enquire of Dr. Tanner, whether there be any of Dr. Leonard Hutten's Collections about the Foundation of X^t Ch. Coll. in Christ-Church Treasury, or whether ever he met with any of them. Dr. Holyday had some of them; see pag. 575 of the second Vol. of the Black Book of the Exchequer that I am now printing.

Tho' the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, &c., of the City of Oxford go to Cairfax Church, as the City Church, yet the City hath properly no church, as Mr. Heywood (the Lawyer) of Holywell, told me on Monday. That church (saith he) no more belongs to them than St. Marie's doth to the University.

The University pays so much a year to St. Marie's Parish for the use of that Church, ^{weh} Church they have used time out of mind.

Mr. Heywood could not tell me whether the City paid any money to Cairfax Parish for the use of the Church.

Enquire of Mr. Baker, of Cambridge, how it is in their University, viz. whether the University pays any thing for the use of that church to the Parish of St. Mary.

Sept. 13 (Fri.). The Repairing the East End of Cairfax Church, Oxford, cost seventy Pounds or thereabouts. The Defect was occasioned by the removing some Buttresses in the Chancell to make the Butter-³⁰ bench, ^{weh} was done by the advice of some rash, indiscreet persons who perceived their error too late.

Dr. John Freind's Character since his Death dwindles much. It appears that he was not only proud and covetous & inconstant in his Principles, but likewise very lewd, insomuch that, separating himself from his own wife (^{weh}, it seems, he hath done for 11 or 12 years) he kept company with other Women, particularly with one Mrs. Chetwind (a married Woman, whose husband is still living) who was with him on his Death bed, and tho' he sent then for his Wife, yet he would take nothing from her hands, but all Physick and every thing else from the hands of ⁴⁰ Mrs. Chetwind. This Course made him die in much worse Circumstances than was expected, he being not so rich as had been reported. It seems he was the more fond of this Mrs. Chetwind on purpose to get into the Favour of the Royal Family, as the Brunswick Family is stiled. It is also

Sept. 12, 1728. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Rawl. 8. 194, *draft*). Wishes to borrow the life of Sir Simonds D'Ewes; it will be of use in the edition of the Black Book.

Sept. 13, 1728. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 17. 45). Sends some papers for H.'s perusal (see Diary, Sept. 25, Sept. 27, Oct. 15, Oct. 23).

said, and that justly, that he was ungratefull, particularly to his Friend Dr. Mead, by whose kindness he rose to the Reputation he had, but after he had once advanced himself, he did what he could insidiously to break the Dr's Character, a thing w^{ch} since his Death the Dr. is very sensible of, as I am informed.

Dr. Robert Plot designed to have wrote the Natural History of Somersetshire and of the other Counties of England. But he only finished Oxfordshire and Staffordshire, both which are published. Remarks for the other Counties are in MSS., one volume of w^{ch} in 4^{to} I have now by
 10 me, having been lent me by Dr. John Thorp of Rochester, to whom it was given by the late Dr. John Burman, the Doctor's son-in-law.

Sept. 14 (Sat.). Mr. Fletcher Gyles says he is now 42 years old. He was born in London, but descended from the Gyleses of Winslaw in Buckinghamshire. He hath got for his Apprentice a son of Mr. Wm. Whiston, who hath, upon many accounts, made so much noise in the World, w^{ch} son is a lad, it seems, of great quick natural parts and understanding.

Lincoln Coll. paid 2/6 per an. to Stodeley Nunnery, and 3/ to Littlemore Nunnery. So an old Rental of 1487 in the College.

20 Mr. Fletcher Gyles's Wife, who was with him in Oxford & returned with him again this day for London, is a Woman of great Probity and Understanding, and talks of many things relating to History with much readiness. With them came Captain Hodgson, a man of better than fifty years of age, and his Wife, a very pretty young Woman, was with him. This Captain Hodgson, who belonged to a Man of War, is a Gentleman of very good sense & a very honest man, and hath great delight in History and Antiquities, but I cannot find that he was ever of any University.

Mr. Gyles told me last night that they are certainly printing Thucydides
 30 in Holland, that he hath seen fifty sheets of it, and that the Editor is Mr. Wasse of Aynoe.

Sept. 15 (Sun.). The Horse Race, w^{ch} according to agreement should have been this year in Port Meadow on the 27th of August, was this year put off to the 10th of this month, when the Weather (w^{ch} before had been bad) being pleasant it began, & ended on Friday night, Sept. 13, but the Race was but mean, it being a sickly time and therefore very few persons of distinction were in Oxford.

Matthew Poole was put upon the Synopsis Criticorum by Dr. Lloyd, the late Bp of Worcester, as I remember he (the said Bp) told Mr. Dodwell
 40 by letter, and it was on purpose to take him off from other things controversial.

Sept. 16 (Mon.). Last night called upon me, between 5 and 6 Clock, Brown Willis, Esq., who told me that tho' he otherwise values White Kennett, Bp. of Peterborough, yet he by no mean likes his late fol. Book of Chronological History.

Mr. Wren, a young Commoner of X^t Ch., is Grandson to Sir Christopher Wren, and is curious in Coins, as also is his Father, who hath an excellent

Collection of them, as may appear partly from the 4th Book he published of them some years ago.

The Earl of Oxon. hath many old Writings relating to the Abbey of Biddlesden in Bucks. Humfrey Wanley bought them for him at the same time that Mr. Willis was first about them, w^{ch} Mr. Willis looks upon as a trick. The Abbats of Biddlesden, in Browne Willis's Rhapsody (vol. ii), were extracted & sent to Mr. Willis from those Writings by H. Wanley, who, however, would not do it under a Guinea.

This day Mr. Francklin, carpenter, was chosen Mayor of Oxford for this year, and Mr. Brookland, millener, and Mr. Kenton, brewer, 10 bailiffs.

In White Waltham church in Berks. are the ruins of an old Rood-Loft.

Sept. 17 (Tu.). This year a new Chappell was built at Pembroke Coll. on the South side of the College next to Slaughter or Brewers' Lane.

[Quotations from *The Present State of Scotland* by A. M. Philopatris, Lond. 1682, are here omitted.]

On p. 237, in the Account of the then Masters and Professors in King's College of the University of Aberdeen, Patrick Gordon is mentioned as then Professor there of Humanity and of the Oriental Languages. He is 20 now living, being Prebendary of Hereford, & he was my first Schoolmaster in the Latin Tongue, he being then, having been forced from Scotland, Master of the Free School at Bray, near Windsor. He is a good Scholar and a learned Man. He taught Hebrew in Bray School to one or two Boys, viz. the highest, but I was then only in my Accidence.

Sept. 18 (Wed.). Yesterday I was at Lincoln College at Mr. Vesey's Rooms. He shewed me the old Register referred to by Ant. à Wood, in w^{ch} Thomas Rotherham, Archbp. of York, is said to be buried in the Church of Luton, Bedfordshire. The Book is in folio and consists chiefly of Compositions. The Passage Mr. Wood refers to is in page 126. The 30 Words are, *Mortuus autem est anno domini 1500 & sepultus in com. Bedford in ecclesia parochiali de Luton*. The Book was begun anno 1472. Among other things in it is *Inventarium omnium librorum in libraria collegii Lincoln' contentorum*, namely anno 1474, among w^{ch} books is *libellus de cronicis Mariani Scoti*, secundo folio *si pluralis*. But that part of the book, where the note before mentioned about Rotherham is, is intit. *Brevis Annotatio de Fundatoribus & Benefactoribus Coll. Linc. in Oxon.*, in w^{ch} Annotation or Narrative are several mistakes, and one of them I take this to be, about Rotherham's being buried in Luton Church, since it was in the Cath. Church of York according to Godwin and agreeable to his Will. 40 Who the Author of this *Annotatio* was, does not appear, but Edm. Audley, Bp of Salisbury, is the last Benefactor mentioned, thus: *Edmundus Audley, episcopus Sarum, dedit collegio 400 libras, quibus emptae & perquisitae sunt terrae de Petiso et Ekney ad emendas vesturas sociorum, sicut apertius patet in ipsius compositione*. Audley died Aug. 23, 1525.

I then mentioned to Mr. Vesey that all the Historical Passages in Gascoign's MS. *Dictionarium Theologicum*, w^{ch} they have in Lincoln Coll. Library, ought to be printed, but to this he said nothing, nor could I ever

get Mr. Tottenham or any one else there to shew any consent, & yet Dr. Ger. Langbaine was of my opinion.¹

Mr. Appleby of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, said last night he is above sixty years old. Mr. Reeves, painter, of that Parish said then that he is 57 years old.

Sept. 20 (Fri.). *A mysterye of iniquyte containyd within the heretycall Genealogie of Ponce Pantolabus is here both disclosed & confuted by Johan Bale, anno MDXLII. Emprynted at Geneva, by Mychael Wood, 1554.* This is the title of a Book of John Bale's bound up with both Parts of
10 Bale's English Votaries, and lent me to peruse by Thomas Ward, Esq. This Piece, full of scurrility, is a very great Rarity, what I do not remember to have perused before. I only just run it over, having not time to read it all.

Sept. 21 (Sat.). Stowe Wood (near Beckley and Stanton St. John's) is often called Stockherst or Stockhurst Wood, from one Stockherst, who lived at the Royal Oak, just by the stile (on the Worcester Road) where we enter the Wood, w^{ch} Stockherst was an old man in K. Charles II's time, and was commonly called old Stockherst.

Mr. Combes the Printer, who lives in St. Ebbe's Parish, Oxon., told me
20 yesterday that he is in the 63rd or grand Climacterical year of his age, being born in 1666.

Sept. 22 (Sun.). On Friday last, Sept. 20, died Mr. Tho. Browne's Daughter, of the small Pox, and was buried last night in St. Peter's in the East church yard, by its Grandfather and Grandmother. The said Thomas Browne is Mancipal of Magd. college. The Child (an ideot) was his first child and the Pall was held up by young Women, that had scarffs & gloves, and the rest (and there were many) had gloves that attended.

Yesterday morning (Sept. 21) died Mr. Battam, a slatter of St. Peter's
30 in the East, Oxon. He was well Monday last. His Distemper the Gout in the Head. He was buried to-night in St. Peter's Church Yard.

Sept. 23 (Mon.). One Mr. John Ball, some time ago of Corpus X^{ti} in Oxford, now a Non-Juror, hath put out proposals [for] Peter Gyllius's Antiquities of Constantinople, in English, with divers Improvements. This Mr. Ball (who is only Bach. of Arts) was born in Oxford, and bears the character of being a very honest man.

Sept. 24 (Tu.). Thomas Ward of Barford, near Warwick, Esq., hath lent me (tho' I had the 4^{to} Ed. before), Nic. Fulleri Miscellanea,

Sept. 19, 1728. H. to Samuel Gale in Bedford Row (Diaries, 119. 165). Thanks for the information about an ancient Velom Roll; thinks it would be suitable for an Appendix and would like to see it. [See Diary, Sept. 28.]

Sept. 22, 1728. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Diaries, 119. 167). Had received safely on Friday the folio MS. of Sir Simonds D'Ewes's Life, written by himself; notices that it is incomplete at the end; it contains several things of note, but others are such as to justify the opinion H. had formerly of the Author. There was no other MS. delivered with it.

¹ The passages were published in 1881, with the title *Loci e libro veritatum*, edited by Professor Thorold Rogers.—Ed.

Heidelb., MDCXII, 8^{vo}, which belonged formerly to some learned person, a Divine as I gather, but I know not who he was (nor can I think it was the Author himself), who, it seems, was in mean circumstances, and hath written these verses at the end :

[Verses omitted].

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Sept. 25 (Wed.). Perused a book entit. *The fearfull Fancies of the Florentine Couper*, written in Toscare, by John Baptista Gelli, one of the free *Studie* of Florence, and for recreation translated into English by W. Barker, Lond. 1568, 8^{vo}. Barker tells us in the Preface that the author Gelli was a Taylour, and chief of the vulgar Universitie¹ of Florence 10 when he (Barker) was there. The book lent me to peruse by Mr. Ward. Fol. 35^b: he maketh Duns Scotus to be buried quick.

Sept. 26 (Thur.). My late learned Friend, Dr. Thomas Smith, was incorporated M.A. of Cambridge, as I am informed by Mr. Baker: 'admissus ad eundem gradum Cantabrigiae 1672, 3.' It does not surely appear w^{ch} year, probably the latter, at the Commencement, as it commonly happens. Their Registers, as is known, take in part of two years.

Sept. 27 (Fri.). Read a MS. Paper, lent me by Tho. Ward, Esq., being Mr. Gawen's dying Speech. He solemnly protests his Innocency 20 with respect to those treasonable crimes, sworn against him at his Tryal by Mr. Oates & Mr. Dugdale, & for w^{ch} he was condemned. He confesses & owns to the whole world that he is a Roman Catholick, a priest, and one of that sort of Priests w^{ch} are called Jesuits. Both he and the Jesuits in general (he says) deny the King-killing doctrine (charged upon them) & utterly abhor and detest it.²

Sept. 28 (Sat.). Samuel Gale, Esq., was lately shewed by a Friend of his an ancient Velom Roll, writt in a fine large black Character. It appears to Mr. Gale to have been an ancient Office, Part in Latin & part in English, used by the Chaplain of the Freerie or Fraternity of St. Peter 30 in Lynn³ in co. Norfolk, in which among other things are petitions for the King and Queen of England & their Children, the Baronage of the

c. **Sept. 28, 1728. J. Loveday to H.** (Rawl. 7. 178). 'The MSS. I promised to send you were not retarded out of Forgetfulness, but only for want of a good opportunity to speak with the Possessor of 'em, who has now promised 'em me against October the 10th, when I design for Oxford. Those relating to the Antiquities of Reading are, I find, of the same nature⁴ with the

¹ Note by Hearne: 'Achademia for the vulgar tongue begun by Tradesmen, &c.'

² Notes by Hearne on the fly-leaf at the end of the volume: 'Thurs. Sept. 26, M^{rs}. Shepherd carried out with the small pox; she came home Oct. 31, 1728. Friday, Sept. 27, died Justice Phipps; the same day M^{rs}. Finmore of Kidlington buried in South Hinxey church.'

³ See below, Nov. 16.

⁴ I suppose he means 'non-existent'.—Ed.

Land, the Patriarch of Hierusalem, & the Restitution of the Holy Cross to Christen Men, from whence Mr. Gale is apt to think it might be composed during the holy Warr. At the Bottom of the Roll is added a Commemoration for some of the Benefactors to the Fraternity in another Hand; Mr. Gale supposes by the Priest himself; the whole discovers the Taste and Simplicity of those dark Times. If I think such a paper may come into an Appendix, Mr. Gale says he can procure me the use of it. The Spelling (he adds) is so remarkable in the Original that it will be difficult to copie it in a modern Hand. His Letter bears date from
 10 London, Sept. 12, 1728. I answered it Sept. 19.

Sept. 29 (Sun.). Read a folio thin Paper MS. lent me by Thomas Ward, Esq., intit. *A relation of my Tryall*, signed at the end *Francis Webb*. He was tryed for a Priest anno 1579, as writt at the beginning of it, but it should be 1679. He was condemned to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Quære whether he were executed. He was sometimes called Johnson. The Tryal is remarkable and his Defence excellent, as even the Judge (Judge Adkins) allowed. The Tryal was at Worcester. He had went also by divers other Names. The Judge acknowledged him to have a nimble tongue and wit. It is pity the MS. is in such a bad condition,
 20 being much torn or eaten by rats.

Sept. 30 (Mon.). On Friday last died Mr. Justice Phipps, at his house in Magdalen Parish, Oxford, and was buried yesterday in Cowley church, near Oxford, where he had an Estate. He was a little more than fifty years of age, was an inactive, indolent man, of but indifferent Parts, and of a penurious temper.

Oct. 1 (Tu.). On Sunday morning last died suddenly Esq. Keck of Great Tew, a man of about threescore years of age. His Lady died many years since. He hath left behind him a Son and a Daughter. He was the richest man and had the best Estate of any man in Oxfordshire.
 30 He had many Years ago ten thousand libs. per an. He hath improved it much since. He had always an hundred thousand libs. in bank, keeping a bank and banker of his own. He was a great Whig. Yet some say that he (as his Lady had done before) did much good to the poor in constantly setting them at Work, and afterwards giving them the Cloath they had made, as he also constantly fed them twice a week, I mean the poor of Great Tew. This I had from one Hartley, who now keeps a publick House in Oxford and lived with Mr. Keck many years; but then I have heard others say that he never did much good.

Statutes of St. John's quondam Hospital at Oxford; notorious omissions in the Disposal (or rather the non-Disposal) of Corporation-Charities have been a long while complained of there; and their shyness in granting a Perusal of their Papers gives me reason to believe the Complaint not altogether groundless; so that what with Frowardness in some (as was Brigham's case) & guilt in others, many monuments of value are lost to the curious.' Notices in Plot's *Oxfordshire* that William Wyrester was an astronomer and wrote a verification of the fixed stars for 1440. [Note by Hearne, 'received Sept. 30, 1728.']

Oct. 1, 1728. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 65) [see Diary, Oct. 11 and Oct. 12]. Urges H. to take care of himself, now that he has had an ague,

Oct. 2 (Wed.). Tho' some years ago Dr. George Clarke and many that called themselves Tories slighted and spoke contemptuously (according to her deserts) of the Dutchess of Marlborough, yet she is now mightily caressed by them, so that she comes almost every day from Woodstock to Oxford & sometimes calls upon Dr. Clarke, sometimes upon young Mr. Rowney, and oftentimes at Dr. Bradshaw's, who indeed was always a Whig, & much of the same Principles with Bradshaw the Regicide.

Oct. 3 (Thur.). On Sunday last died, as she came from Bath, where she had been for her health, the Lady Clarke, wife of Dr. Robert Shippen, ¹⁰ Principal of Brazennose Coll. She was brought to town yesterday, about five Clock in the afternoon, and buried immediately in Brazennose Coll. Chappel. Dr. Shippen was her 4th husband. Her maiden name was Leigh, being sister of Dr. Leigh, late Fellow of All Souls College. She left no child. Dr. Shippen looses [*sic*] by her death five hundred libs. per an. She was about 70 years of age. She was a very proud Woman, given much to drinking and gaming, and did no good.

Oct. 4 (Fri.). One Mr. S. Burroughs, of Gray's Inne, hath wrote to Tho. Jett, Esq., to desire my opinion about John Alcock's being Keeper of the Great Seal anno 11 of Ed. IV. Mr. Burroughs thinks there is ²⁰ great reason to believe he was Keeper in Ap., May, and June that year under Robert Stillington, B^p of Bath, the Chancellour. This John Alcock was born at Beverly in Yorkshire, & built there a Chantery for his Parents, & did other pious Acts in that Town. The 15 April, anno 11 Ed. IV, he was a Master of Chancery, & that day was appointed Keeper or Master of the Rolls, & afterwards was prefered to the See of Rochester, translated to Worcester, and from thence to Ely. Those times are dark, being in confusion, and we are thereby deprived of many Records, especially of the times of the delivery of the Great Seal, w^{ch} always were solemnly entred; but so it is, there is none of Alcock, tho' during those ³⁰ moneths there are certain privy seals directed *Custodi magni Sigilli*, without any Name, w^{ch} makes it certain that there was a Keeper; & 'tis not to be doubted but Alcock was the man, because the Keeper of the Rolls, his predecessors, were usually so, & because anno 12 Ed. IV Alcock by name appears to have the Great Seal. Now to corroborate this proof that it was Alcock that was Keeper of the Great Seal anno 11 Ed. IV, Mr. Burroughs should be glad if in any memoirs or History relating to Alcock or that year, he could find mention made of Alcock's having then the Great Seal, and because he knows Mr. Jett is my acquaintance, he intercedes with him to know my opinion and thoughts upon this ⁴⁰ Inquiry—In short, therefore, I am of Mr. Burrough's opinion, tho' I

Oct. 3, 1728. H. to John Loveday (Rawl. 28. 123, draft). Is sorry he has so little success with respect to the Reading Antiquities. They ought to have been glad to communicate what would tend to the honour of the place. Knows well what D^r. Plot says about William Worcester, and has often studied the MS. in the Bodleian. Probably Plot knew of this MS. through his conversations with Anthony Wood. 'I have printed your old Charter and have taken occasion to mention your name in the *Black Book* more than once.'

cannot remember any Passage we have in History at that time to confirm it, the only Author that 'twas most likely to find it in, viz. W^m Wyrcester's Annals, being defective in that & some other years, where otherwise we might have very good reason to expect it.

Oct. 5 (Sat.). Yesterday was a Convocation at 2 Clock in the Afternoon, when Dr. Mather, President of Corpus X^{ti} Coll., laid down the office of Vice-Chancellor, w^{ch} he had held five years, and Dr. Edward Butler, Doctor of the Civil Law and President of Magd. Coll., was admitted in his room. This Dr. Butler is a very great Whig, and tho' 10 very rich, a very stingy Man. He is not in holy Orders, the B^p of Winchester not insisting upon it, because of the Dr.'s being a Whig. Yet 'tis certain that, by the statutes of the Colleges, the President ought to be in Orders. He is also an illiterate, heavy Man, and does no manner of good that I can hear of. His Pro-Vicechancellours are Dr. Mather, President of Corpus X^{ti}, Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brazennose, Dr. Dobson, President of Trinity, and Dr. Morley, Rector of Linc. Coll.

Oct. 6 (Sun.). I have formerly made mention of one Philips of Exeter College, a young undergraduate Servitour, who had like to have been killed upon the Spikes in the Theater Yard, when he leaped off the 20 Wall next the College. Afterwards he was entered of Edmund Hall, where he lived a strange, rakish, whoring Life, and was guilty of Robberies and other Pranks, yet was sly & carried a demure look. About two months since he was expelled of the Hall, since w^{ch} his Father (who is a Welchman and Keeper of the Goal [*sic*] of Caerdiff) came to Oxford and on Thursday last took him with him in order to enter him at Cambridge. His Father says this Son of his is 23 years of Age.

Oct. 7 (Mon.). In the Convocation on Friday last, when Dr. Butler the new V.-Chancellor took place, the Clause of Dr. Sherard's Will, relating to his Benefaction to the Univ. was read (as I have been informed), 30 viz. that he had given three thousand libs. besides his books and curiosities, to be disposed of by the University, for endowing a Botanick Professorship, to be done within six months after his Decease, otherwise the Executors may dispose of it as they please. About sixteen Delegates were then nominated for the University, most of w^{ch} are utter strangers to Botany. Had Dr. Mead and Sir Hans Sloane and some lawyer of Skill, or any other three understanding men (Friends to the Univ.), been pitched upon, it had been sufficient, and the Business might have been immediately dispatched.

Oct. 8 (Tu.). Wroxall Nunnery in Warwickshire belongs now to 40 Mr. Wren, son of the late famous Sir Christopher Wren, as I was told last night by Mr. Wren's son, a commoner of X^t Church, so that 'tis probable he may have some old writings relating to it. Yet his Son (the said Mr. Wren of X^t Church) thinks he hath none.

About a fortnight since, died in London Dr. Richard Hale, an eminent Physician in London. He was of Trin. Coll. in this Univ. He took the Degree of M.A. Feb. 4, 1695, that of B.M. Feb. 11, 1697, and that of D.M. June 23, 1701. He was a man of a very fair Character and was an

excellent Scholar. His printed Speech, in praise of the English Physicians, w^{ch} is in Latin, is by many reckoned the best on that Subject.

Oct. 9 (Wed.). On Tuesday last, about 3 Clock in the afternoon, died of a lingering distemper, at her mother's house (for the mother, widow of the late Dr. Smith, Princ. of Hart Hall, her former Husband being Astrey, is still living) in New Inn Hall Lane, M^{rs}. Astrey, aged about 50, she that prosecuted the late M^r. Anthony Alsop, because he would not marry her. She was buried on Mond. night following, in Calfax Church at 4 Clock.

Oct. 10 (Thur.). Yesterday all the Forenoon was very fine and 10 sunshiny, but at one Clock in the afternoon was a very violent Storm of Thunder, Lightning, Rain, and Hail, w^{ch} continued about half an hour. The Cloud was very black and dismal, & being very low, we were apprehensive it might do some mischief at such places to w^{ch} it was nearer than it was to Oxford. 'Tis remarkable that, it having been a frosty morning, the whole day was very cold.

Mr. Keck, of Great Tew, being lately dead, his estate is to come to his Son. I must enquire of M^r. West, whether he hath any acquaintance in the Family, & whether my late Friend Robert Keck Esq.'s curiosities came to any of that Family. I have mentioned this Robert Keck, Esq., 20 who was a fine Gentleman (very curious & ingenious) in pag. 137 of my Pref. to Camden's Eliz. and in pag. 10 of my Pref. to Rob. of Gloucester.

Oct. 11 (Fri.). Sir Simonds D'Ewes was Pupil to M^r., afterwards Dr., Richard Holdsworth of St. John's Coll. in Camb., as I find by Sir Simonds's Life written by himself, MS. in Bibl. Harl.; so that I have sometimes wondered how Sir Simonds came to be a Commonwealth's man; for I find him in the Catalogue of those that subscribed the Covenant, & he frequented and took notes at the Sermons of the Puritans, admired and applauded their ways, and appeared as zealous a Saint as any of them; till M^r. Baker in his Letter of 1st inst. told me that his 30 Tutor (tho' he did not know till I told him that 'twas Dr. Holdsworth) was lookt upon as warping, whilst in College, and yet approved himself otherwise, notwithstanding the hard measure he met with from Court, for he was chosen Master of St John's by a full majority, and yet (with his Competitor Dr. Lane) was layd aside by the Court & a third man (Dr. Beale) brought in by the King's Letters, who was indeed a good Master, but not so great a scholar as Dr. Holdsworth.

Oct. 12 (Sat.). St. Marie's Church at Cambridge was in the Crown, given by Ed. III (Founder) to King's Hall, now Trinity College, and appropriated to that Hall, as it stands now to the College. The Parish, 40 or some of the Parishioners, who have built shops adjoining [affixt] to the West end of the Church, in a manner really scandalous, pay an acknowledgement to Trin. Coll., w^{ch} M^r. Baker (from whom I had this

Oct. 9, 1728. H. to Thomas Jett, Esq., in Grays Inn (Diaries, 120. 11). Thinks it probable that John Alcock was Keeper of the Great Seal in 11 Ed. IV, but does not remember any passage in History about it, William Wyrcester (now in printing) being defective in that year [see Diary, Oct. 4].

account in his Letter of the 1st inst.) hath often wondred the College would consent to. When the Church was new built in the Reign of Ed. IV, the Tower not finished till K. Jas. I reign, most of the expence fell upon the University, or upon Benefactors procured by them, as appears by a large Catalogue of Benefactors, amongst the rest Archbp Rotherham, whose arms (3 Staggs) are upon the Church, as they are upon that part of the Schools, that was built by him.¹

Oct. 13 (Sun.). From Fog's Weekly Journal (Numb. 3) for Sat., Oct. 12, 1728:—

- 10 London, Oct. 12. On Tuesday morning last, died at his seat in Hatfield, in Hertfordshire, the most noble James, Earl of Salisbury, most remarkable for his Loyal, Steddy and Honourable Principles both in Church and State.

I knew and was acquainted with him when he was of X^t Ch. in Oxford, and I dedicated my Livy to him. He was then a very fine youth. He died under forty years of age.

On Wednesday morning last, died the Rev. Dr. Thomas Bennet, of an Apoplexy, Vicar of St. Giles's without Cripplegate, justly lamented by all who knew his invaluable Worth and great Merits.

- 20 I have formerly been more than once in this Dr. Bennett's Company in Oxford, & he took occasion to correspond with me upon account of his writing upon the 39 Articles. He was a learned man, but conceited, and an Enemy to Non-Jurors, against whom he wrote but very weakly.

Oct. 14 (Mon.). My Friend Mr. Baker of Cambridge's name being not put to his books, I know not well all that he hath published, and therefore I must crave an account from him.

- On Saturday last, between five and six Clock at Night, was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard in the East, Oxford, M^{rs}. Sarah Bennet, the 3rd Daughter of Mr. Bennet, Mancipal of All Souls College. She was the handsomest of the Daughters, & was sometime since courted, at least 30 pretended to be courted, by a nobleman of Balliol Coll., but that coming to nothing, about a Quarter of a year since she was married to one Mr. Chandler, a Cane-Chair Maker in London, where she died of the malignant epidemical Feaver, that hath raged so much in England these two years, and hath swept off multitudes of all kinds, & was brought down in an Herse, & buried so privately that there was no Pall, and hardly any one attended her to the Grave but her Husband and two or three who came with her. She was under twenty years of age, & her husband is also very young, being the son of Mr. John Chandler, formerly of Wadham College, where he took the Degree of M.A. June 16, 1715, 40 and was one of the head Proctors of the Univ. of Oxon. A.D. 1719, upon the Death of Mr. John Baker of the same Coll. This Mr. John Chandler is since dead, having (as I have been told) been unfortunately drowned.

¹ This passage is reproduced by Hearne in *Historia Ricardi II*, Oxf. 1729, p. 401. A note by Hearne at the end of this volume of his Diary: 'M^{rs} Sarah Bennet, Sat. night, Oct. 12, buried.'

Oct. 15 (Tu.). Perused a little 4^{to} Paper MS. lent me by Thomas Ward, Esq., intit. *A brieve Replye to the Answeres of Mr. William Sparks, made to two Questions proposed unto him by a Catholike.* This Sparks was the same with W^m Sparke, son of the famous Dr. Thomas Sparke, Rector of Blechley in Bucks., and after his Father's death Rector also himself of the same place. But who the Catholike was, that wrote this Reply, I know not, tho' at the end he subscribes himself *H. F.* 'Twas wrote A^o 1631 *currente.* 'Tis learned & nervous. He does not insist upon the story of the Nagg's head, w^{ch} he seems to reject, nor does he deny that Cranmer and the first Protestant Bishops and Ministers, w^{ch} 10 lived in the time of Ed. VI, received in their Ordination true Priesthood, and that internal Power w^{ch} is usually given in the Sacrament of Order; but then he says the truth is that the B^{ps} and Ministers of England receive not any divine power at all in their Ordination; neither are they truly Preists [*sic*] and Bishops, but are merely laymen; neither have they any divine power and authoritie at all, more than other laymen have, to teach, to sanctify, and to govern souls; but to undertake and perform these things, they have only such human and civil power and authority as temporal princes and commonwealths can give. His proof of this is grounded upon this, that the Protestant B^{ps}, w^{ch} here in England have 20 been ordered since the fourth yeare of Ed. VI, receive not that manner of ordination w^{ch} Christ instituted to give divine power, w^{ch} the Apostles used, w^{ch} the Church learned of them and hath charily kept and practised in all ages, in the ordering of Church Ministers; but instead thereof they have been ordered by a new form of Ordination, devised in the dayes of the said Edward VI, by twelve men appointed by the King, to invent and devise the same, as is clear out of the book of Statutes, Ed. VI. 3, 4, c. 12, in the 3 and 4 yeare of Edw. the sixth, chapter 12. And upon this occasion he observes many other things to the same purpose, well worthy of notice.

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Oct. 16 (Wed.). Dr. Mead (in his Letter of the 13th) tells me that he and his Friends think the Historical Pieces in the Cott. Library of John Gower about Ric. the II^d & Hen. IV are not worth publishing. I wrote to him a good while since about this affair, but I never saw the MS. myself, and therefore can say nothing myself about it.

Oct. 17 (Thur.). Mr. Beauprè Bell, of Trin. Coll., Cambridge, is a very worthy Gentleman and studious of Antiquities and collects that

Oct. 15, 1728. H. to 'Honoured Sir' [? Sir Hans Sloane] (*Draft*, Rawl. 110. 59). Thanks for eleven guineas by the hands of Mr. Whiteside, which he supposes is subscription money for the Black Book. Is thinking of *Vita Ricardi II* for his next work; he has a transcript of it from the Cotton Library. Does not know whether John Gower on the same subject, which is in the Cotton Library, ought to be published with it. 'I should be very glad of having a word or two on that point from you.'

Oct. 16, 1728. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 123, *draft*). Thanks for the letter of the 13th delivered by Mr. Whiteside, and for its remarks about John Gower, but it contains nothing about Dr. Goodman's MS. History of Thomas à Becket. As for Junius's *Etymologicon*, it is said that the University will print it and cast types for the purpose.

way, but tho' he stood lately to be Fellow of that House he missed it, but being born to an Estate he can the better bear with a disappointment. There were only two Fellowships void, into one of w^{ch} Dr. Bentley has brought his nephew, the other from Westminster School.

Oct. 18 (Fri.). It appears every day more plain than ever¹ that the late Dr. John Freind did all the mischeif that possibly he could to Dr. Mead.

Dr. Mead is solicitous for me to undertake the printing Fr. Junius's *Dictionarium quinque linguarum septentrionalium* & his *Etymologicon*
 10 *linguae Anglicanae*. The former is in xi volumes in fol. in the Bodl. Library, being a Transcript amongst B^p Fell's MSS. The latter is the original in two large folio vols. written in a small hand. The Work, if printed, would make many Folio volumes. For my part I have not the Copy, have been debarred the Library, have not a purse, nor can I expect a sufficient number of subscribers to such an immense Thing, tho' I think the University ought by all means to do it, nor indeed have we types at present to do it with.

Oct. 19 (Sat.). Mr. Nash, senior, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, was last Michaelmas 84 years old. Mr. W^m More, glazier, of
 20 that Parish, is in his 34th year. Mr. Robert Speakman, a Joyner, of that Parish, an ingenious Man, is in the 38th year of his age. He hath got some notes about the Antiquities of St. Peter's Church in the East w^{ch} belonged to the late Mr. John Mynn, but they were only what were taken from a Paper that I drew up many years ago, when I was a young man. But whether it was that w^{ch} Mr. Pullen had (for I drew up two Papers, that were in many respects different) or that w^{ch} Mr. Jenks, the glover, had, I cannot tell.

Oct. 20 (Sun.). Last night I was with Mr. John Anstis, of Corpus, in Cat Street, and a younger Brother of his, Mr. George Anstis, & two
 30 others were with us. This Mr. George Anstis came from London yesterday, and is to be entered tomorrow of Balliol College, where his Tutor is to be Mr. Best. He hath been for five years under the care of Mr. Mattaire, having been before about a year at Westminster School. He said Mr. Mattaire is very busy in printing the *Marmora Oxon.*, and that he is doing also something (I know not what) beyond sea.

Oct. 22 (Tu.). In the Cotton Library (Claud. D. vi. 8) are John Trokelow's Annals of Ed. II, thus intit. in the Catalogue, p. 44, *Annales R. Edwardi, filii Edwardi, filii Henrici III ab anno 1307 ad annum*

Oct. 22, 1728. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 67). 'To your enquiry I can say no more than that I onely owne the little Book I sent you. If common fame will give me more, I cannot help it. I wish I had engaged in Antiquities as early as you did: I set out too late (which I now repent of) after I had spent my time in other studies.' Mr. Bell is a Beauprè on his mother's side, of Norfolk. 'He would have made a very usefull member of that College, wherein he will continue some time, notwithstanding his dis-

¹ Other, MS.

1323 *per Fratrem Joannem de Trokelow*. This Trokelow (or, as other call him, Tricklow) is quoted as good authority, and I humbly beg that a Transcript of him may be procured with expedition for my use.¹

Oct. 23 (Wed.). On Monday last I spent the evening with Dr. Stratford, Canon of X^t Ch., at his Lodgings in that College, Mr. Colley and Mr. Whiteside being with us. The Dr. shewed me a Letter his kinsman had received from Mr. W^m Smith, author of the Book called *The Annals of Univ. Coll.* In this Book the Dr. is abused, & a downright lye told of him about a Fine. The Dr. designs to joyn with others that are abused in a prosecution against Smith. Smith owns the book, 10 but justifies himself in an impudent manner, and adds lyes to lyes, and pretends to receive his Informations from Oxford, particularly from University College.

Mr. Ward of Warwickshire hath lent me an old parchment or vellum Fragment, containing four 4^{to} pages about four hundred years old, being part of an old Latin Glossary in w^{ch} is this account of the 7 watches of the night:—

Septem sunt vigilie noctis; crepusculum, fax, concubium, intempesta, gallicinium, conticinium, aurora. Crepusculum est circa undecimam, quando clauduntur portae Fax est quando incenduntur lumina. Concubium, quando 20 dormitur. Intempesta, quando alta nox est. Gallicinium, quando galli cantant. Conticinium, silentium post primum galli cantum. Aurora prope lucem.²

Oct. 24 (Thur.). On Tuesday last Mr. Tho. Weeksy was deprived of his Fellowship of Oriel College, and indeed expelled, his name being struck out of the Book, sentence being pronounced by the Provost him-

appointment.' Mr. Bedford is returned from Leyden owing to the death of his mother, which puts him in possession of an estate. He has his father's parts and understands business very well; his stay here will now be necessary to take care of an orphan family in the place of his father. Has found a copy of the Processional of Sarum; will send it to H., if he cares for it; it has information about *episcopus puerorum*.

Oct. 22, 1728. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 120. 22). The Works of Junius [see Oct. 18] should be printed by the University, to which they were left on that understanding.

Oct. 23, 1728. Samuel Gale to H. (Diaries, 120. 100; Rawl. 6. 57). 'Enclosed I have sent two ancient writings. They were communicated to me by my friend Francis Boteler of Norfolk, who has several curious Charters particularly relating to the Burrough of Lynn. You will observe at the beginning of the old Roll, belonging to the Guild of Lynn, mention made of St. Peter of Mylan, w^{ch} I take to signifie this Guild [was] founded to the Honour of that Apostle in a certain Street or Lane in Lynn, w^{ch} is to this day called Mile lane, as I am informed by some who know that Town, and can have no manner of reference to the City of Milan in Italy.'

¹ Possibly this paragraph is a postscript to the letter to Dr. Mead, which precedes this entry in the Diary.

² In MS. 260, p. 87, in the Library of C.C.C., is a quotation from *Nennius de imagine mundi*, which gives a different version of the seven watches of the night: 'Crepusculum, conticinium, intempestum, gallicinium, matutinum, diluculum, auroram.' —Ed.

self in the Chappel, for Contumacy and for having *uberius beneficium*. Both points were so plain and notorious that nothing can be alledged for him. This Mr. Weeksy, who stood himself to be Provost, hath been so troublesome and vexatious, that he did all that possibly he could to hinder the Peace of the College. His Living is about 19 libs. in the King's Books, whereas he cannot hold a Fellowship of Oriel with a Living above 10 Marks. He had been summoned 3 times before the Society, particularly for detaining a Register of the College and declining to surrender it (tho' he and his Crony Bowles had had it a great while, 10 three Quarters of a year or more), notwithstanding the College had great occasion for it. Bowles is also twice upon one of the Registers, as lyable to the like punishment of Weeksy, weh will be inflicted, if he proceeds in his vile practices.

Oct. 25 (Fri.). Out of the foresaid Mr. Ward's fragment :—

Notarius de notis dicitur. Sunt autem notae, figurae quaedam sillabarum, nonnunquam & integrarum dictionum, quibus tanta velocitate ab eis qui earum peritiam consecuti [sunt] scribitur, ut verba loquentis, hoc est loquendi¹, scribere eis difficile non sit. Hii etiam exceptores vocantur, eo quod verba loquentis excipiant. Unde beatus Gregorius in Omelia Pascae 'Sicque 20 excipitur ut loquemur' id est a notariis scribitur.²

Oct. 26 (Sat.). Yesterday, at two Clock in the Afternoon, a young man, who had been a good while a seaman, flew the rope from the Battlements of St. Marie's Steeple in Oxford, down to High Street, the Rope being tied or fastened at Bottom on the south side of the way at a House above St. Mary Hall Lane. He performed to the admiration and great satisfaction of all the Spectators. He first with great agility climed up to the top of the Battlement to weh the Rope was fastened, then flew down, his Arms extended, in about half a minute of an hour, then he climed up the Rope again, weh was more strange, quite to the 30 top of the Battlement, hung by his legs upon the Rope, when he was about half way up, pulled off his clothes (nay his very shirt) as he hung upon it, put them on again, undone his Breeches & tucked his shirt in, &c., done them up again as he hung, then (when he was got up to the top of the Pinnacle) he flew down again, and in his descent had a pint of ale (the pint being tyed to a Packthread he had in his hand) drawn up to him, weh he drank upon the Rope. And 'tis withall remarkable that he flew down the second time with two Pistolls in his hands, both weh he let off as he came or flew down. He hath performed in the same manner often at London and other places.

40 **Oct. 27 (Sun.).** Yesterday, calling upon Dr. Tanner at Xt Ch., I asked him whether he could tell me who the anonymous Author was

Oct. 26, 1728. T. Carte to H. (Rawl. 4. 29) see Diary, Nov. 4.

¹ *loquendo* may be suggested.—Ed.

² A note by Hearne at the end of this volume of his Diary : ' Friday, Oct. 25, Mr. Scot condemned in 30 libs. to Mr. George Ward in the Vice-Chancellour's Court; which was reversed by the Delegates of Congregation the latter end of that term ' : see Dec. 11 and Feb. 15 following.

that wrote the Life of Ric. II in the Cotton Library, where there are two copies. He was a Monk of Evesham. The Dr. said, he believed he could tell, & when he saw me next he promised to tell me more. He observed very rightly that we want Writers of those times, our History being certainly from his Reign to that of Hen. VIII very barren for want of co-eval Historians, for ^{wh} reason I have got a Transcript of the said Life, with a design to print it. I find that Thos. Walsingham made great use of it, but (as he useth to do with respect to other Authors) without acknowledgment.

Oct. 28 (Mon.). When I was with Dr. Stratford the other night he ¹⁰ could not forbear observing that there is something (I know not what, for I have not seen the book) in Mr. Anderson's collection relating to Mary, Queen of Scots, to shew that Buchanan's account of the wickedness of that Queen is true. I replied, I did not wonder at it, since Anderson was a Presbyterian, and to be sure would therefore do what he could to favour that side, that have been so very industrious in aspersing that fine Queen.

Oct. 29 (Tu.). Mr. W^m Findall, the Printer, who lives in St. Gyles's Parish, is 83 years of age.

Thomas Ward of Warwickshire hath lent me, ^{wh} I read over this ²⁰ morning, a small 8^{vo} Historical Fragment in English (transcribed from some larger work) about Joseph of Arimathaea planting the Christian Religion among us, &c.; but there is nothing in this Fragment but what I have read much more fully elsewhere.

Oct. 30 (Wed.). Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. told me yesterday that he hath at Caversham an original fine Picture of King Charles I. He gave me an account yesterday of a stone coffin, lately dug up at the Gray Friars, now the Bridewell at Reading.

Oct. 31 (Thur.). In the year 1388 was a Parliament at Cambridge. Inquire of Mr. Baker, whether he knows any thing particular relating to ³⁰ that Parliament, that is not in our common Historians; also in what part of the Town it was held.

Nov. 1 (Fri.). About a Fortnight since died Dr. Cox Macro, Preacher at the Rolls. He was a man that had got many Curiosities, but what now becomes of them I know not. I once wrote to him, but he not answering my Letter, I thought it not worth my while to write to him any more. He was a thoroughpaced Whig, and (as I take him) a close, proud, stingy man. I have, however, mentioned him as a man of Learning in Adam de Domerham, upon account of a Register of Glastonbury Dr. Tanner borrowed of him for my use. I have been told ⁴⁰ that he was a good Preacher.¹

Nov. 2 (Sat.). Yesterday Mr. Browne Willis, being in Oxford, shewed me in my walk an original Letter of Prince Charles, afterwards

¹ Note by Hearne: 'Tis not Dr Cox Macro, but his brother Dr Ralph Macro, who was not curious in books.

K. Charles I, written (but without date) to the Duke of Buckingham, whom he calls Stenny, relating to some Lady, with whom an Intrigue was carrying on in behalf of the Prince, with whom the Prince confesseth he had been once. I know not well the Mystery, but surely Buckingham was the cause. The King was angry on this account with the Prince, and had chid him for it. The Prince desires the Marquess not to let the King see this Letter. Mr. Willis promised to send me a copy of this Letter of his son's transcribing. He said it belonged to Dr. Tanner. Mr. Willis said 'twas the only Intrigue the Prince was concerned in. He
 10 wished the Letter were not in being.

I have mentioned formerly that they are reprinting in London Ld Bacon's Works. He was a man of great knowledge, but I hardly value any of his Things, but his Life of Hen. VII; and yet I know not how far he may be trusted, he being a great wicked man. He was guilty of Bribery, & of a crime I will not mention.

Nov. 3 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Willis went out of Oxford for Bletchley. Before he went he gave me a copy of Prince Charles's Letter to the Duke of Buckingham, transcribed by Mr. Willis's son, from which Transcript I shall here insert it:—

20 Steenie, I have nothing now to wryte to you, but to give you thankses both for the good counsell ye gave me & for the event of it. The King gave mee a good sharpe potion, but you tooke away the working of it by the well relished Comfites ye sent after it. I have met with the Partie that must not be named, once alreddie; and the cullor of wryting this Letter shall make me meete withe her on Saturday, although it is written the day being Thursday. So assuring you that the busines goes safelie onn, I rest
 your constant loving friend,
 Charles.

I hope ye will not show the King this Letter, but put it in the safe custodie
 30 of Mister Vulcan.¹

NB. The said Letter Mr. Willis told me belonged to Archbp Sancroft.

Nov. 4 (Mon.). The Marquis d'Aubaix, a Gentleman of a noble family near Nismes in Languedoc, and a very valuable and learned man, is drawing up an account of the Learned men of that Province. Among the rest he finds that P. Bernard André of Tholouse was Poet Laureat to Henry VII, and that he died in England. He asks Mr. Thomas Carte (formerly of Brazennose Coll., Oxon.) particularly after Memoirs of his Life, & the time of his death, & desires to know what works he published or left in MSS., and the particular editions of the former. Mr. Carte
 40 finds, by a pension granted to him in 2 Hen. VII, that he had lived and read lectures in the University of Oxford for some years with great success, & he hath desired me, by Letter of the 26 of last month, to give him what information I can about him, as also whether, among Dr. Smith's Papers that I have, there be any Court Rolls relating to a mannour annexed to the Rectory of Amersham in Bucks., of which Place Mr. Smith

¹ This letter and part of the Diary for Nov. 2 are reproduced by Hearne in *Historia Ricardi II*, Oxf. 1729, p. 404.

(brother to Dr. Smith) was Rector. It seems Courts used anciently to be held at this mannour, but Mr. Drake and Dr. Brydges, predecessors to the present Rector Mr. Robert Shaw, who spoke about this to Mr. Carte, had no court Rolls, and could hold no Court. Mr. Shaw thinks (& 'tis very likely) that one Philips (who enjoyed the Rectory in Oliver's time) kept most of them in his hands after he was deprived for simony, tho' Mr. Shaw is assured by some old Parishioners that Mr. Smith held some Courts.

Nov. 6 (Wed.). Velleius Paterculus was translated into English, & printed in 12^o at London, 1632. The Translator was Sir Robert Le 10 Grys, K^t, who had before translated into English and published Barclay's Argenis. I know not whether he were the Author of any thing besides, nor whether he were of Cambridge. I must enquire of Mr. Baker. I do not remember that he was of Oxford.

Nov. 7 (Thur.). Yesterday I perused or read over a MS. single sheet of Paper, lent me for that end by Thomas Ward, Esq., intit. *Notes upon the schisme begunne by Henry the 8, Restauration of Religion by Q. Mary, destruction of the same by Q. Elizabeth, out of Fromund Sanders, Spondau.* The Things noted are of great Remark, but being already printed (at least in Latin) I had not the Curiosity of transcribing any 20 thing from this Paper, drawn up by some hearty Roman Catholick.

Nov. 8 (Fri.). This being the Visitation of the Bodl. Library, the Speech was made by Mr. Manaton, Student of X^t. Ch., and one of the Head Proctors.

Mr. Aynsworth teaches a private School in London. He hath been a great many years about a Latin Dictionary, and (I am told) hath at last finished it, tho' 'tis not printed for want of Encouragement. It seems, he leaves out in it all proper Names, but such as are classical. I do not know of any thing that he hath published but the Catalogue of Mr. Kemp's Curiosities (a great number of w^{ch} were Counterfeits & Cheats) & the 30 Catalogue of Dr. Woodward's Books and Curiosities. I am told he hath wrote a Latin Poem to Mr. Edm. Chishull, and another to Mr. John Strype, but they are not printed. He is a married Man of at least 70 years of age.

Nov. 5, 1728. H. to Rev. Mr. Thomas Carte in Prince's Court, Westminster (Carte MS. 227. 174; Diaries, 120. 23). There are two poems of P. Bernard André de Tholouse in the Cotton Library, but H. has never seen them. In the Ashm. Museum is a MS. English poem of the reign of Hen. VII, called Sir Barnard, Erle of Tolouse, an amorous romance. There is nothing in Dr. Thomas Smith's papers about court rolls. Would be glad to know who are executors to the late M. G. Drake, Esq., 'who happened to die four guineas in my debt; it is a small sum & yet too much for me to loose.' Application had been made to Sir Thomas Sebright, but he had not replied.

Nov. 7, 1728. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 68). Sends a long extract about an ordinance for boy-bishops, taken from the Cartulary of St. Paul's, London, preserved in St. John's College, Cambridge. Dr. Macroë, who died lately, was one of the King's late Doctors, not the Antiquary. The Sarum Processional was sent off by the Northampton Carrier [see Diary, Nov. 20, and Letter of Oct. 22].

Nov. 9 (Sat.). Sir Simonds D'Ewes, all along his account of himself in the first (for I have not seen the second) Part of his Life, takes occasion to speak well of the Puritans, whom he looked upon as men of sound principles and true Religion, and the others as Papists. He was a zealous man, & in all appearance pious, and took all occasions openly to shew it, but he was an Enemy to K. Ch. I, and to the true and real friends of that excellent Prince, and 'twas such as Sir Simonds that did so much mischief to him, as to exasperate his Subjects against him, by instilling ill notions about Popery, and I know not what, into their minds.

¹⁰ Sir Simonds was an industrious man, but he wanted Judgment very much.

K. Ric. II had a Coat made by his own order of Pearls, & other precious stones & gold, to the value of 30,000 marcs or 20,000 libs., as is specified in the MS. Life of him, written by a monk of Evesham, whereof I have a Copy.

Nov. 10 (Sun.). Yesterday I called upon Dr. Tanner at Xt Ch. He told me he could not find as yet, who the Author of the MS. Life of Ric. II was. There were five Eveshams that were writers, Adam Evesham, Gualterus Evesham, Helias Evesham, Hugo Evesham, and Joseph

²⁰ Evesham.

Dr. Tanner preached at Xt Church two Sundays together lately, viz. Oct. 27 & Nov. 3, tho' he had a very great cold and was hoarse. He told me more than once he could get no one to do it for him.

He told me, Dr. Wake (Archbp of Cant.) would leave all his Books to Xt Ch. Library. He said the Archbp's Study was well furnished with all Books of our English History and Antiquities.

Dr. Tanner told me he had a large Transcript of a Continuation of Polychronicon, that he formerly took from a MS. then in the hands of Mr. Henry Worseley, but now in the Harley Library. Dr. Tanner

³⁰ promised to lend me this Transcript. The Dr. had once a design of publishing one or more Volumes of our English Historians from the beginning of Edw. II to the end of Hen. VII. Mr. Worseley gave all his MSS., w^{ch} were good in their kind, to the late Earl of Oxford, out of prospect of being advanced by the Earl, then in power. The same was done with respect to his best MSS. by John Anstis, Esq.

Dr. Tanner hath a great Collection of English Medals at Norwich. He collects only in this way, not in Greek or Roman or any foreign ones. He hath many Gold ones at Oxford, several of w^{ch} he shewed me. I asked him for one of Ric. II. He said he had one at Norwich.

⁴⁰ I asked him for Ric. III. He shewed me a gold Angel of his. I told him I wanted one of Ric. III with his Face, w^{ch} this had not. He said he had no one with it. Says he, no credit is to be given to the heads of our former Princes. I told him this Prince being represented in Prints as if he were 60 or 70, whereas he was but 33 when he was killed, I should be glad to see how his Effigies appears on Coins.

Nov. 11 (Mon.). Dr. Tanner at the same time told me, he had got sixty names of Prebendaries for Browne Willis's Account of Lincoln that

Nov. 11, 1728. Thomas Carte to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 209). Finds that

is now in the Press, the Dr. at the same time laughing, as if he thought Mr. Willis only a dry Collector of Names, &c.

I told him Dr. Mead was of opinion that John Gower's account of Ric. II in the Cotton Library, ^{weh} I have not seen, is not fit to be printed. Dr. Tanner seemed to be of another mind, especially since we have so very few coaeval Authors of those times, and he seems to think Dr. Mead no proper Judge of Affairs of this kind.

Nov. 12 (Tu.). The Custome of making Episcopi Puerorum, or Boy Bishops, in Cathedral Churches continued 'till even the Time of the Reformation. Great Honours used to be paid to such Bishops. They ¹⁰ used to be chosen about Innocents Day. After chosen, the honour continued several days. Tho' the custom continued so late, yet few knew anything about it, so much is it forgot. Mr. Gregory wrote a Discourse about it. It is in his published Works. At first he was puzzled to know what the meaning of such a little Bp should be in Salisbury Church, whereas 'twas a Boy Bishop, who happening to die in his office, was buried as other Bps are, in his Episcopal Habits.

Nov. 13 (Wed.). Dr. John Rogers, formerly Fellow of Corpus X^{ti} College, is made Vicar of St. Giles's without Cripplegate, in room of Dr. Thomas Bennet deceased. This Dr. Rogers hath written and ²⁰ published several things in Divinity, and hath the Character of a good preacher and a learned Divine.

Nov. 14 (Thur.). Last Sunday preached at St. Marie's Dr. George Rye, Rector of Islip, and made (as I hear from all hands) a most sad, horrid, heavy, irrational Discourse, ^{weh} need not be wondered at, considering his former performances that way, and particularly his two ^{8vo} volumes (as bad as bad can be) against the Nonjurors. And yet I do not find that his Sermon was worse than one lately preached at X^t Ch. by Dr. Robert Clavering, Bp of Landaff, Dean of Hereford, and Canon of X^t Ch., ^{weh} I have heard condemned by all hands, even his very Friends ³⁰ and Acquaintance, who stick not to say, that they never heard such a sermon for badness, ^{weh} no one need wonder at, that hath seen his most wretched Charge to his Clergy. Some few years ago this Dr. Clavering used always to preach upon Rabbinical affairs (he having studied Hebrew), ^{weh} when People used to laugh at, he at length turned himself to another way of preaching, and undertook (as he did particularly in his late Sermon) to confute Aristotle's Definitions. The Bp of Chester, Dr. Gastrel, having heard one of these sermons, was surprized at its badness; said he, 'he did well to intermix formerly Rabbinical Stuff in his Sermons, because few could then find him out; but now all are able ⁴⁰ to judge of him & he sufficiently discovers himself.'

Marmaduke Allington, Esq., is an executor for the late Mr. Drake. He is a lawyer, but a man of a fair character.

Nov. 12, 1728. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright at Beachwood, near Market Street, Herts. (Rawl. 28. 124, *draft*). Has two copies of Elmham reserved for him, but does not know where to send them.

Nov. 15 (Fri.). There was but one vacant Fellowship, viz. that of Dr. Irish, this year of All Souls College, for ^{wh} four Candidates appeared, two of which were Founder's Kinsmen, the others not. The Founder's Kinsmen were Mr. John Anstis (eldest son of John Anstis, Garter Principal King of Arms, Esq.), Gent. Commoner of Corpus Xth Coll., & Mr. Wood, Commoner of Xth Ch. (brother of Mr. Wood, Fellow of All Souls Coll.); the two others were Mr. —, Bach. of Arts of Oriel Coll. & Mr. Collins, Commoner of Queen's College. The matter was carried so, as the Fellows would not come into the Warden's measures, nor
 10 would the Warden be guided by the Fellows, tho' there were a majority for one that was not his man; upon ^{wh} the Warden, by virtue of his negative, made a devolution to the Archb^p of Canterbury, before whom the matter now lyes. And I hear Mr. Anstis's Father, who drew up his son's Pedigree upon this occasion with great accuracy, confirming every particular by substantial Proofs, is now printing a Book upon this subject, ^{wh} (it seems) he wrote several years ago. I am told this Book is in Latin (I suppose done, or at least revised for him, by Mr. Mattaire) and that there will not be above ten copies printed, and that 'twill afterwards
 20 come out in English, as Mr. Anstis originally wrote it. But this is a Matter of Secresy at present & requires some time to clear it. The Fellows against Founder's Kinsmen pretend Conscience, saying they are upon their Oaths. So they are, & should therefore observe them with respect to Founder's Relations, but 'tis stuff for men to pretend Oaths that have no regard to them in Matters of an higher nature, their duty to Rightfull Sovereigns.

Nov. 16 (Sat.). On Saturday, Oct. 26, 1728, I received from Samuel Gale, Esq., an old Velom Roll in MS. ^{wh} he borrowed for my use and ^{wh} I have copied as follows. It seems to have been written in the time of Edw. I:—

30 In þe worshepe of Ihu. Crist of heuene & of his derworthe moder Seynt Marie & of alle halowe & speciali of Seynt Peter of Mylane¹ in whos worshepe þis fraternitie is begunnen seyeth a pater noster & aue for charite. Et ne nos inducas in temptacionem, sed libera nos a malo, Amen. Laudemus Deum qui fecit coelum & terram, mare & omnia quae in eis sunt. Benedicamus patrem & filium cum sancto spiritu. Laudemus & superexaltemus eum in secula. Per signum sancte crucis de inimicis nostris libera nos deus noster. In omnem terram exivit sonus eorum. Et in fines orbis terrae verba eorum.

O Petre, martir inclite, praedicatorum gloria, virginitate praedite, verbo, signis & gracia, concessa nobis solitae pietatis clemencia, transacto mundi
 40 tramite, nos transfer ad coelestia. Amen. O martir egregie, doctor veritatis,

Nov. 15, 1728. Thomas Allen to H. (Rawl. 1. 24). Not having heard from H. for a long time, A. hopes that H. is not ill, nor forgetful of old friends, Sends his service to Mr. Parker, Mr. Whiteside, and Mr. Arbuthnot. Mr. Bateman has no fixed habitation but is now at St. Stephen's, alias Hackington, near Canterbury, officiating for Mr. Coppen, M.A., of Oriel, who was lately presented to that living. It is said that Mr. Bateman has lately been made chaplain of the Duke of Beaufort, and is likely to have the living of Badminton soon.

¹ Blomfield in his *History of Norfolk* says that there was a Miln Lane in Lynn, but mentions no church of St. Peter there.—Ed.

puritatis vasculum, norma sanctitatis, tua per suffragia veniam peccatis et vitam in gloria praesta cum beatis.¹ Ora pro nobis, beate Petre. Ut [*sic*].

Oratio. Quaesumus, omnipotens deus, ut beati martiris tui fidem congrua defensione sectemur, qui eiusdem fidei delectatione martirii palmam meruit optinere, per &c.

Beseke we Ihu. Cristes merci for þe pees & for þe state of holy chirche, for þe pope of Rome & for þe cardinalis and for the partriark of Ierusalem & for alle þo þat þe state & þe pes of holi chirche mayntenen & susteinen. And for þe erchebyshop of Caunterberi & for the byshop of Norwych & for þe priour of þis toune & for alle erchebyschoppis & byschopis, for abbotis & for priouris & for alle men & wymmen of religioun. Also we schal beseken Ihu. Cristes merci for þe kyng of Englund & for þe quen & for here children & for þe barnage of þe land & speciali for þe kyng of England þat god sende him grace to ouercomen his enemys. Also beseke we Ihu. Cristes merci for þe holi cros that god brynge it into Cristen mannes power & for the fruyte þat is on erthe þat god sende it sich wedering þat it may come man to helpe. Also we shal beseken Ihu Cristis merci for alle schipmen, for alle chapmen, for all pilgrimes, for alle palmeres & for þe mayer of þis toun & for alle þe gode men of þis toune; and for þo þat ben indette or in dedley synne, þat god bringe hem out þereof þe rather for ower prayer. Also we shal beseken Ihu Cristes merci for þe Aldreman of þis gilde & for alle þe gilde breþerin & sistren þat þis gilde first begunnen & lengest schalen it up helden & mayntenen; & þarto seyeth a pater noster & an ave pur charite.

Deus misereatur nostri & benedicat nobis; illuminet vultum suum super nos & misereatur nostri. Ut cognoscamus in terra viam tuam, in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum. Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus; confiteantur tibi populi omnes. Laetentur & exultent gentes, quoniam iudicas populos in aequitate & gentes in terra dirigis. Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus; confiteantur tibi populi omnes; terra dedit fructum suum. Benedicat nos Deus Deus noster, benedicat nos Deus. Metuant eum omnes fines terrae. Gloria Patri &c. Sicut erat &c. 30 Kyriel', Cristel', Kyriel'. Pater noster. Et ne nos. Sed libera nos a malo. Domine, fiat pax in virtute tua, et abundancia in turribus tuis.

Deus, a quo sancta desideria, recta consilia, merita fiunt opera, da servis tuis illam quam mundus dare non potest pacem, ut & corda nostra mandatis tuis dedita &, hostium sublata formidine, tempora sint tua protectione tranquilla. Per Cristum dominum nostrum, Amen.

Also we schal beseken Ihu. Cristis merci for oure fadir soulis, For oure modir soulis, For oure bretheren soulis & For oure sistirin soulis; And for þe soulis þat ben in þe peynes of purgatori þat god lesse here peyne & bringe hem to þe ioie þat evere schal laste. And for alle þe gilde breþerin 40 soulis of þis gilde, þat dede bene, for hem & for us & for alle Cristen seyeth a Pater noster & an ave pur charite.

De profundis clamavi [&c. . .], et ipse redimet Israel ex omnibus iniquitatibus eius. Kyriel', Cristel', Kyriel'; pater noster; et ne nos; sed libera nos a malo. Requiem aeternam dona eis, domine; et lux perpetua luceat eis. A porta inferi Erue, domine, animas eorum. Credo videre bona domini in terra vivencium. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Inclina, domine, aurem tuam ad preces nostras quibus misericordiam tuam supplices deprecamur ut animas famulorum famularumque tuarum quas de hoc seculo migrare iussisti in pacis ac lucis regione constituas & sanctorum tuorum 50 iubeas esse consortes; per &c.

And for² sowlle William Gren, Alderman & Isabella uxor eius & for þe sowlle of Alys Cowper þe wyffe off Thomas Cowper. Item for þe [*sic*] Symkyn

¹ This is written by Hearne as prose, but it is two verses of rhyme of eight lines each.—Ed.

² A note by Hearne 'In a later hand; I have observed the faults.'

Parke, Aldirman. Item for þe sowlle off John Pecoke & Agnes uxor eius. Item for þe sowlle Thomas Offard & Emotte uxor eius.

At the same time I received from Samuel Gale, Esq., another old velom writing, we^h he had also borrowed for my use, containing as follows:—

Universis sanctae matris ecclesiae filiis ad quorum noticiam praesentes litterae pervenerint, Thomas permissione diuina Wygorniensis episcopus salutem in domino sempiternam. Cupientes per allectiva indulgentiarum munera mentes fidelium quantum cum deo possumus ad caritativae devotionis opera excitare, de dei omnipotentis misericordia, suae matris gloriosae, 10 sanctorum Oswaldi & Wlstani patronorum nostrorum omniumque sanctorum meritis & precibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris & aliis, quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere poenitentibus & confessis, qui ad fabricam ecclesiae fratrum heremitarum ordinis sancti Augustini apud Clare Londoniensis diocesis aliquid de bonis a deo sibi collatis contulerint, procuraverint vel in extremis legaverint, quadraginta dies de iniuncta sibi poenitentia misericorditer in domino relaxamus. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Dat' apud Clare 20 quarto Kal. Maii, anno domini mccc decimo octavo.

The seal appendant, viz. the B^p in Pontificals, but it is broke on both 20 sides.

Nov. 17 (Sun.). Tho' Mr. Murray formerly told me that Mr. Aynsworth was a Non-Juror, yet I find that he is a Presbyterian, and bears no good Character at all among the Non-Jurors. Hence Dr. R. writes to me thus in his Letter, of the 13th of this inst.: 'Mr. Aynsworth bears no credit amongst those of our notions. A sett of wretches there are who, in a different from the Scripture sense, are all things to all men, not that they may gain some, but all.' And of Mr. Murray himself he is pleased to write in the same letter as follows, where he is stiled by the name of the *Houndsditch Pawnbroker*, his Father having it seems been such. 30 'The Houndsditch Pawnbroker's character is no secret. Whatsoever may be his religion, if he has any, I never knew he had a God, but when he called on him to attest something, I hope always truth; a servile flatterer and lick up of great men's spittle, a toad Eater to the E. of Ox...d, as our relation [Tho. Rawlinson] was to Dr. M...d, that is a Trumpetor of his fame, learning &c. in this only differing from our relation, that he breaths not unpaid. Much of his conversation are vaunts of his intimacy with this great Peer, that learned antiquary, and (to tack up all) in comes his handbox of curiosities which are as venal as himself. What pieces has not the place where I sit paid for some part, perhaps the least 40 valuable of its furniture? Extortion and even cunning to extremities are no blemishes in his character. I much rejoice his Bond [to our relation T. R.] is discharged tho' in balancing our account he overreached me a trifle [*sic*].' Thus the Dr., we^h by no means agrees with the opinion I always had of Mr. Murray, we^h if it should prove wrong, I should be extremely sorry.

Nov. 17, 1728. Sir Thomas Sebright to H. (Rawl. 9. 58). Asks that the books be handed to Mr. Coppin, of All Souls, who will receive them if this letter is shown to him. Has been ill with the gout. In future the books may be sent to Mr. Gosling, bookseller, in Fleet Street, who shall have orders to pay for them.

Nov. 18 (Mon.). Yesterday, died of the small Pox the eldest Daughter (a very pretty young Woman of about 18 years old) of Mr. Matthews, a victualler near Smith Gate in St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxford. She was buried the same day, late at night, in St. Peter's Churchyard.

Yesterday, in the afternoon at Prayer time, was buried in St. Peter's church in the East, Oxford, one Mr. Wise, son of Alderman Wise of Oxon., a young Gent. (who died of a Fever on Thursday last) that bore a very good Character. He was a Bach. of Arts of Brasenose Coll., of w^{ch} he had been chosen Fellow about a Month before.

One Stephens, A.M. & Fellow of Trinity Coll., having broached im-¹⁰ pious blasphemous opinions, tending to Infidelity, tho' he be a man in Orders, is ejected Trinity Coll., as he is also by Dr. Butler's the Vice-Chancellor's Programma the University. But I am told, this is not really Expulsion (w^{ch} ought to be done solemnly in Convocation) but only a proceeding against him for Contumacy, in not appearing at Court, whither he was cited to answer in a legal manner. His Father is a Lawyer at Henly upon Thames and bears a good Character.

Nov. 19 (Tu.). In the Library of the Royal Society is a copy of All Souls College statutes. This Dr. Rawlinson hath borrowed, for the use of Mr. Anstis, who is printing a Latin book about Founders' Kins-²⁰ men. This work will have its embellishments of plates, pedigrees, &c.

Nov. 20 (Wed.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge hath given me a compleat copy of the Processional of Sarum, published in 4^{to} very elegantly at Paris, 1530. 'Tis a very great rarity, from w^{ch} we learn many customs of the Church of Salisbury, particularly that of *Episcopus Puerorum*, in relation to w^{ch} I subjoin something at the end of the Black Book of the Exchequer, a work now near finished.

Mr. Baker knows nothing more of the Parliament at Cambridge under K. Rich. II, anno 1388, than that it was held at King's Hall (now part of Trin. College). The Archbishop lodged at the House of the Carmelites³⁰ near Queens' College. They have indeed orders for cleansing the streets & other preparations w^{ch} (Mr. Baker says) would be nothing to my purpose.

Mr. Baker is partly of my opinion as to Lord Bacon's Life of Henry VII. It is finely wrote but wants vouchers. He seems rather to have given us the Picture of a Politic Prince than an accurately true history.

Nov. 21 (Thur.). When I was lately with Dr. Stratford, he asked me what I thought of Dr. White Kennett's new folio book. I told him, I had seen it and that was all, being by no means disposed to read such a very strange Rhapsody. 'I agree with you,' said the Dr., 'tis a very⁴⁰ strange odd Rhapsody, taken from all kinds of pamphlets that are printed, without distinction, without hardly using any kind of MSS.; and yet,' said the Dr., 'I have read it all over'; w^{ch} I told him I much wondered at, it being such a heavy dull thing.

Nov. 19, 1728. H. to Marmaduke Allington, Esq., M.P. (Rawl. 27 B. 210). Explains that the late M. G. Drake, Esq., at the time of his death owed Hearne 4 guineas for books supplied Sept. 6, 1726, and Sept. 5, 1727. Asks that the debt be paid.

Nov. 22 (Fri.). Mr. Hill, formerly of Trinity College, who undertook the Antiquities of Herefordshire, hath been dead a good while. I am told he had made great collections, but what is become of them I know not. I am pretty well satisfied that he was a boaster and not well qualified to perform well. I could have wished that his collection were in such a man's hands as Mr. Brome of Ewithington near Hereford, who hath all the qualifications that are requisite for such a work, but the iniquity of the times and his own modesty have hindered us from enjoying what he had of that kind, many years ago, designed for the publicke.

10 **Nov. 23 (Sat.).** Mr. Mattaire, I am told, makes great hast [*sic*] in his edition of the Oxford Marbles.

I am told, Dr. Freind's books are in a very curious condition, and that they will be sold next month.

Dr. Rawlinson, I hear, is erecting a fine monument for his brother Thomas in St. Ann's, Aldersgate, where he lyes interred.

Nov. 24 (Sun.). The B^p of Oxford, Dr. Potter, hath a son of X^t Ch., a young lad, whom he hath made student. His Tutor is Mr. Bateman of that College and that heavy blockhead John Poynter of Merton College is to inspect him & is with him (I hear) all day, if not nights too, and is
20 for that reason by several styled young Potter's nourse. This (were there nothing else, as there are several things besides) shews the B^p to be a man of a shallow understanding, otherwise surely he would never have pitched upon such a dunce as John Poynter. Sometimes another of Merton College performs the same office in Pointer's absence. The lad lyes in the Lodgings of his father at X^t Ch., the father himself living altogether at Cudsdon.

Nov. 25 (Mon.). Dr. Edm. Gibson, B^p of London, hath just printed a Letter in 4^{to} to those of his Diocese, particularly the Inhabitants of London and Westminster, against Infidelity and Impiety, we^h now so
30 much prevail. And indeed the B^ps may thank themselves, since they cannot in reason expect otherwise, when themselves proceed upon no true Principles of Religion & Virtue, but merely out of secular Interest. For as they bought their Bishopricks (the common practice nowadays), so all they mind is to provide for wives & children & grandchildren & to live high and idle without any true regard to the souls of those under them, or to the principles of the Gospel & primitive Xtianity.

Nov. 26 (Tu.). Remember to ask the Earl of Oxford whether he hath any Historical MS. relating to the life of Rich. II, written by John Gower, or whether there be any other old historical piece (not yet printed) in his
40 Lordship's library, relating to that Prince.

Sir Simonds D'Ewes took great pains in transcribing Domesday Book. My Lord Oxford hath Sir Simonds MSS., but I think Sir Simonds had not a compleat Transcript. Enquire of my Lord.

Nov. 25, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 34). Would like to know whether among the MSS. of R.'s brother is a Chronicle by John Douglas, monk of Glastonbury, reaching to Hen. V.

Nov. 27. (Wed.). In the year 1628 died, in the month of October, Mr. Ralph Starkey, a Gentleman of London, who had collected a great number of ancient coins, as well as abundance of old and modern MSS. Some of his modern MSS. were original. He was an illiterate man and I do not find that he dealt much or indeed anything at all in printed books. As soon as he was dead, several persons aimed at having his Library, and after some little time Sir Simonds Dewes bought it for 140 libs., to pay the money in five years time. Sir Simonds might have had it for one hundred libs., had he paid the money down immediately, but being at that time in want of money, he could not lay it down. 10 Sir Simonds spent much time in perusing and sorting this collection soon after he purchased it, but with less pleasure than he expected, the bargain being not so good as he had thought it would have been. Sir Simonds was curious in coins, and yet I do not find (what happened to many other Gentlemen) that he ever troubled himself much in knowing where coins were found or dug up.

Nov. 28 (Thur.). Remember to ask Mr. West what age he takes the two MSS. to be of, of the Monk of Evesham's life of Rich. II; there are many things in that life not elsewhere, and at the end of one of the Copies are the Articles against the King and the Form of deposing him, much 20 the same as what we have published at the end of Knighton, in the *Decem Scriptores*. The king is made to resign voluntarily, but how absurd this pretence is may sufficiently appear from *Hereditary Right*.

Nov. 29 (Fri.). A meeting having been lately of the Vice-Chancellor & seven others about Mr. Stephens of Trinity, in order to have him publicly and solemnly expelled the Univ. and his tenets exploded and a Programma to be issued to that end, four of them were for it and four against it. Those for it were: Dr. Butler the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Mather president of Corpus Christi Coll., Dr. Dobson president of Trinity College, Mr. Manaton of Christ Church, Junior Proctor. Those against it 30 were: Dr. Bradshaw bishop of Bristol, Dr. Pardau principal of Jesus College, Dr. Felton principal of Edmund Hall, Mr. Reynell of New College, Senior Proctor; who are all Whiggs, and alledged that a Programma would be a reflexion upon Tutors.

Dr. Stratford told me yesterday he designs all his books (and he hath a very good study) for Christ Church library, not there already.

Nov. 30 (Sat.). Dr. Stratford told me tother day that Dr. Radcliff, the Physician, was not (as is commonly said of him) an illiterate man, for he had seen Latin letters written by him very handsomely, and nobody (he said) wrote better letters in English. But my late very learned friend 40 Dr. Thomas Smith (a true judge of Learning) used to call him a Block-head, & Dr. Hickes had no better opinion of him, to name no others, and (I think) the sentiments of such great men ought to be regarded.

Dec. 1 (Sun.). A medal was struck of Dr. John Freind the physician, while he was living, and by his consent and with his privity. I never yet saw it. Dr. Stratford said he should have one, but he read a passage in some letter he had received, that it was not one bit like him.

Dec. 2 (Mon.). Mr. Mattaire makes so much hast with his edition of the Oxford Marbles that he employs two presses and does six sheets a week ; 76 sheets are already printed, we^h is not above half the work, as he tells Dr. Stratford by letter, with whom I sate last night with Dr. Lee the physician, Mr. Charles Lyddel, Mr. Timothy Thomas, and Mr. Manaton the Proctor. Mr. Mattaire is hasty in everything he does, we^h makes his editions of books of little esteem, especially among curious men. I fear this will be the worst of all, it being a thing out of his way, & he takes no manner of care to examine the Marbles nicely, as should be done. Many
10 years agoe Dr. Halley & many others heartily wished I would have undertaken this work, and so indeed I would, and have used the utmost accuracy, both in copying the stones & representing the Figures on them most exactly, had not the very ill usage I met with hindered and discouraged me.

Dec. 3 (Tu.). Dr. Lee, Master of Balliol College, having lately married Miss Bee, of Beckley, the daughter and only child of Mr. Bee, of that place (a fortune, as said, of ten thousand libs.), brought her home on Saturday last, Nov. 30, at we^h time the bells of St. Marie's and of Magd. church rang. His predecessor, Dr. Hunt, had once courted this
20 Lady, but it did not succeed.

Dec. 4 (Wed.). On Monday last, Dec. 2, Dr. Butler, president of Magd. College's Lady was brought to bed of her first-born child, a daughter.

Dr. Watts of Reading is mayor at present of that Town. He is a great Whigg. He collects whatever he can relating to that Town. Mr. Phanuel Bacon of Magd. Coll. tells me this Mr. Watts is writing the Antiquities of Reading, and that he once talked of coming over to Oxford to me upon that account.

Mr. W^m Reeves, late vicar of St. Marie's in Reading, was a Cambridge
30 man and was never in Oxford. He was a very learned and a valuable man. He translated & published the Apologists. He had an excellent Study of books. Tho' he was an excellent preacher and had an admirable delivery & composed sermons finely, yet he never used to preach sermons of his own composing, unless on extraordinary occasions, but would take up into the pulpit a volume of printed sermons and read one to his auditors. This made his parishioners angry with him.

Dec. 5 (Thur.). Dr. Matt. Lee of X^t Church, the physician, was a very zealous man against my friend Will Fullerton's having the degree of M.D. conferred on him (as was also Dr. John Freind), and this Dr. Lee
40 made a speech against him in Convocation, chiefly because Dr. Fullerton was a Non-Juror, so little a friend to Non-Jurors is this Dr. Lee, tho' he pretends great friendship to the Writer of these matters. This Dr. Lee is an enemy also to Dr. Middleton of Cambridge, purely because he had wrote about the state of the Physicians among the Romans. Dr. Lee allows him to be a very elegant neat writer (and he ought also to allow him to be in the right) but is displeased that a Divine should write on this subject, & that any one because he hath got 'a little skill' (those are Dr. Lee's words) in Antiquity, should write anything relating to Physick.

Pray why may not one skilled in antiquity write upon a point of history (as this about the state of the Physicians among the Romans is) as well as a Physician himself. Nay 'tis such a one's business chiefly.

Dec. 6 (Fri.). On Wednesday last died Mr. Charles Dingley, chaplain of Magd. Coll. and minister of St. Peter's in the Bailly, Oxford. This gentleman took the degree of M.A. May 17, 1716, and was about 36 years of age. He was nephew to Mr. W^m Dingley, lately Fellow of Corpus X^{ti} College and now rector of Warborough, near Dorchester, in Oxfordshire. He was a very great sot, w^{ch} killed him. He was out the day before he died and buried a child at his parish church, so that 10 he went off suddenly, tho' his illness had been coming three or four years, by his continual bibbing of brandy and other strong liquors, w^{ch} quite drowned his parts and understanding, if ever he had any. [He was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter's in the East, on Sat., Dec. 17.]

Dec. 7 (Sat.). Mr. Francis Bromley told me yesterday that Mr. Earbury will be soon in Oxford & will live for some time there & print Boccalin there in English, w^{ch} he will do in monthly pieces at twelve-pence a month.

Yesterday, as I returned from my country walk, I saw at Botley Mr. Robert Wood of the Racket Court by Merton College. He is 20 nephew to the late Mr. Anthony Wood, but is no scholar and minds only hunting and other sports. He told me he never had the least book or paper of his uncle Anthony's, and that he was absent at London when he, the said Anthony, died.

Dec. 8 (Sun.). I am told Dr. Clarke of St James's hath just put out in Gr.-Lat. Homer's Iliad. This is the same Dr. Clarke that put out Caesar's Commentaries. I never expect any better edition of Homer than that of Jos. Barnes, who was the best poetical Graecian in the world, and was allowed to be such.

They have in St. John's Coll. Library in Cambridge a noble MS. 30 Polychronicon of Trevisa's translation; the additions are by him, and where additions are made he adds his own name [Trevisa] as quoted by me in Leland's Collectanea, vol. vi. The book concludes thus: *God be thanked of al his nedes this Translation is ended in a thorsday the eygtelhe day of Avril, the yere of our Lord a thousand thre hundred four score & sevene; the tenth yere of King Richard the second after the Conquest of Engelonde; the yere of my Lordes age Sire Thomas of Berkeley that made me make thys translation fyve and thrytty.* So Mr. Baker in his Letter of Nov. 26. How far the history is continued he does not well remember, but when he knows the meaning of my enquiry after Ric. II's reign, if 40 there be anything to my purpose he will send it me.

NB. It will be time enough to know the meaning of my enquiry after Xmas, at the publication of the Black Book of the Exchequer, in w^{ch} the Advertisement I shall add will explain it.

Dec. 7, 1728. Francis Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 170). Sends a subscription for the Black Book from Dr. Richard Goodwyn, Tankersley Rectory, York. Mr. West Fenton would like the MS., borrowed for H., to be returned to him at leisure at the Rainbow Coffee House, Temple Bar.

Dec. 9 (Mon.). Mr. Dingley of Magd. College, mentioned above, was excellent at singing in the choir, and they esteem it a great loss, he being (I am told) the very best they had.

Mr. Bacon of that College, whom I was never with as yet but once, I am well informed is but a weak man and a great liar. His father (who was formerly of St. John's Coll., Oxon.) is minister of St. Laurence's in Reading.

This morning died Mr. Whistler, B.A. of Magd. Hall, son of Mr. Whistler the Beadle, of a great lameness w^{ch} mortified in one of his legs, 10 occasioned by some fall. This young man had been strangely wild & was good for just nothing. [He was buried Wed. night, Dec. 11, in St. Peter's church yard.]

The number of members in Magdalen College, as taken Dec. 9, 1728, (given me by Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll.) is 102, to w^{ch} if you add 15 choristers not matriculated and one organist who is no gownsman, the sum total is 118. NB. There is one chaplain's place now vacant, to be filled up next quarter.

Dec. 10 (Tu.). Mr. Watts, mayor of Reading, was formerly an Haberdasher of Hatts in London, but he became a Bankrupt on purpose 20 to cheat his creditors, as many others became Bankrupts on the same score. Coming to Reading, w^{ch} I am well informed is one of the knavishest corporations in England, he got great credit among the Whiggs, and pretending to a publick spirit, he raised his reputation mightily upon that account, and particularly for raising the publick way between Reading and Caversham, so as to drain away the waters that used to be such a dangerous obstruction there to travellers. Tho' he pretends (as Mr. Bacon told me) to write the antiquities of Reading, yet he is altogether incapable thereof, being an illiterate ignorant man, and knows not how to spell English.

30 Mr. Matthews, a little young ingenious brisk Gentleman, Commoner of X^t Ch., is now in the 15th year of his age.

If an opportunity offer, I must enquire either of Sir Philip Sydenham or some body else about Mr. Humphry Sydenham, a famous preacher in the time of K. Charles I, whose sermons in 4^{to}, printed anno 1637, were given me yesterday by Mr. Loveday, gent. commoner of Magd. Coll.

Parsons's X^{tian} Directory, as reformed by Dr. Stanhope, is looked upon as one of the best practical books of Divinity, nay, some say the very best, now extant. Yet the old one without the Purgations is most proper (I think) for men of Judgment.

40 Paschal's Thoughts is a practical book much admired by some, particularly by my friend Mr. John Leake of St. Mary Hall.

Last Friday my Lord Cornbury had an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law conferred on him. He was lately nobleman of X^t Ch.

Dec. 11 (Wed.). Mr. Thomas Speakman of St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxon., carpenter, hath been married 33 years.

Sir Simonds Dewes gives a very bad character of Mr. Richard James, as a rogue and one that shortened the life of Sir Robert Cotton. His character I have wrote out at large from Sir Simonds's life, written by himself; 'tis in another book. I am somewhat startled at this character,

I having formerly had a pretty good opinion of this James, tho' I knew him to have been a sort of Puritan & a bitter enemy to Roman Catholicks. But tho' I have an indifferent opinion of Sir Simonds in many respects, I begin however to fear his account may be too true, since it appears to me that Mr. James was a knave also to the famous Mr. Thomas Allen of Glouc. Hall, whom he cheated of many of his best MSS., as is remarked by Mr. Brian Twyne, in a note I have printed in my Preface to the Black Book of the Exchequer.

Mr. (whom they commonly call Doctor) Keyne of Magd. College, being Librarian there, some time since made a distinct library for under-¹⁰ graduates, in w^{ch} (among other vile books) he placed Hobbs's Leviathan and Mr. Whiston's Arian pieces. This is the Man that was Tutor to the famous Mr. Dodwell's eldest son, now (I fear) quite spoiled.

Dec. 12 (Thur.). A meeting of the Delegates of the Press on Tuesday morning last, about the Bodleian Catalogue (when two compositors were ordered to be employed), about a work to be printed in four volumes in folio from MSS. (I suppose Junius's Etymologicon & Dictionarium) & about reprinting Clarendon's History. This is what I was told of this meeting.

Mr. Samuel Parker hath published proposals for a new edition to be²⁰ printed at London in 4^{to} (the two former editions being in 8^{vo}) of his Epitome of Ecclesiastical Historians with curious cutts (& his own Effigies done by Vertue), w^{ch} is to come out in January next. This Mr. Parker (son of the late Bp of Oxford of both his names) hath written & published a great many Things, a list of w^{ch} I must remember to get of him, if I can.

This day I saw Dr. Clarke's edition of part of Homer's Ilias in 4^{to}, printed at London in Gr. & Latin with annotations, and dedicated or inscribed to Prince William, whose effigies by Vertue is prefixed. But the edition is nothing near so good as Mr. Barnes's.³⁰

The said Dr. Clarke is a very vain, proud man, and heterodox in points of Religion. He makes Dr. Richard Bentley, that insolent wretch, to be the greatest scholar in the world.¹

Dec. 13 (Fri.). Mr. W^m Reeves of Reading, whom I have mentioned above, was a very personable man, & had a gracefull fine way of delivery, but I am told that he was as proud a man as lived, and that though he affected & used a florid stile, yet that he was not that scholar, as some have taken him to be.

Dec. 14 (Sat.). Bittlesden Abbey in Bucks. is now all down and a new house designed, tho' but little as yet advanced, by Mr. Sawyer,⁴⁰ who had the old buildings demolished, the present proprietor of the state,

Dec. 14, 1728. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 138). Is glad to hear the Life of Ric. II is acceptable. The MSS. seem both to have been written in

¹ A note by Hearne at the end of this volume of the Diary: 'Thursday, Dec. 12, Mr Whiteside told me of Mr. Carte's sending 4 guineas by Mr. Ward, also of Ward's loosing his cause by Delegates of Congregation, Dec. 11, 1728.' See Oct. 25 previous.

a Gentleman of about 26 years of age, as yet unmarried, a Whig, and formerly Gentleman Commoner of Oriel College. I am told he is a good-natured man, & tho' he is much addicted to his sports, yet reads pretty much at intervals.

Mr. Thomas Twining, M.A., formerly clerk of All Souls College, who wrote of some antiquities near Devizes, and is a minister thereabouts, is a man of a free generous spirit. He hath had two wives that are both dead. He hath no children and is worth about five thousand libs., w^{ch} he hath often talked of leaving to All Souls College, to w^{ch} place he gave
 10 a tankard many years ago. I have not seen his book nor heard any character of it. He is a comical preacher. He took the degree of M.A. Mar. 7, 1688.

Dec. 15 (Sun.). Mr. John Jones of Balliol College hath just printed in 8^{vo}, it being done at Litchfeild's press in Oxford, a sermon preached by him at Tiverton before the Gentlemen educated in Tiverton School. It was printed at their request. This is the same Jones that published Oppian in English, part of w^{ch} was of his own Translation, and 'tis not doubted but he might have been Poetry Reader in the Univ. of Oxford, had not he plaid tricks about the late verses on the death of the Duke of
 20 Brunswick, commonly called K. George I., the best of w^{ch} (for he was the person to whose care they were left) were rejected by him, and the worst put in, among w^{ch} was a sad wretched English Copy of his own.

Dec. 16 (Mon.). Copies of Mr. William Smith's book, stiled by him *The Annals of Univ. College*, were last week sent bound to every Common Room in Oxford; I know not by whom, but to be sure by the contrivance of Dr. Bouchier & Mr. Denison, and I believe Mr. Recorder Skinner; on purpose if possible to have the University go to law with the Crown about Univ. Coll., though that matter hath been already tried, & notwithstanding the Chancellour of Oxford L^d Arran's Letter, to push
 30 such a suit on also, was lately rejected. But, I suppose, Mr. Denison having been baffled, his lawyers, particularly Mr. Recorder Skinner, now want their money, & they hope to get it of the University by insinuating that 'tis a University affair & therefore that Mr. Denison ought not to suffer.

Mr. Gagnier is but a very mean piddling Author. Dr. Humphrey Prideaux had but a very indifferent opinion of his Josephus Ben Gorion. Dr. Halley used to say that this Gagnier (who is a Renegado and a French Hugonot) does not understand Arabick, notwithstanding his great pretenses to it.

the time of Hen. VI. Has a manuscript book of Miscellanies of the time of Hen. VII, containing a poem by John Lidgate, the Declaration of Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, a Chronicle of the murder of James, king of Scotland; also a piece ascribed to Piers of Fulham.

Dec. 15, 1728. Tho. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 70). See Diary, Dec. 18, Dec. 19.

Dec. 16, 1728. H. to Francis Gwyn (Rawl. 6. 170, draft). Thanks for the subscription; the MS. shall be returned in the manner directed [see Letter Dec. 7].

Dec. 17 (Tu.). Mr. Walters of Edmund Hall, A.B., as he saith himself, hath spent at least fourteen hundred pounds since he hath been in the University, where he hath been about six years.

Meeting three or four days since with one Mr. Clarke, who was formerly Amanuensis to James Tyrrell, Esq., he told me Mr. Tyrrell's History now since his death sold a little, but that the MS. volume was left imperfect, and yet Mr. Tyrrell himself told me that 'twas quite finished.

Dec. 18 (Wed.). Polychronicon, of Trevisa's Translation, in St. John's Coll. Library, Cambridge, concludes with the victory obtained against the French by Edward the King's son, the Captivity of the French King & his being brought into England, a glorious Period where, Mr. Baker presumes, Higden might conclude his History, tho' Authors vary about the time. That copy is indeed a noble Book in a very beautifull hand and many of the initiall Letters illuminated; but containing no part of Ric. II's reign, Mr. Baker doubts, will be of no use to me.

The late Earl of Oxford, Robert Harley, got abundance of very good MSS. from many gentlemen, promising upon such gifts to procure them Preferments, he being then Lord Treasurer. Particularly Mr. Henry Worseley and Mr. Antis gave him their best MSS. And Mr. LeNeve²⁰ (Norroy) had the like expectations (as he told Mr. Baker) given him of an Office in the Exchequer, but after his Present made, were utterly defeated. Somewhat, Mr. Baker says, he could tell me of himself.

Pray remember to ask Mr. Baker what that is he can tell of himself. I have more than once heard Mr. Murray say that Mr. Baker parted with many rare Books to his Lordship, and that either the then Earl of Oxford or else the present Earl (at that time Lord Harley) made him the present of a Silver Tankard.

Dec. 19 (Thur.). Mr. W^m Reeves was of King's College, Art. Bac. an. 1688, Art. Mag. an. 1692. Mr. Baker finds they have a design of 30 publishing some of his sermons.

Mr. Earbury was of St. John's College, Cambridge. Mr. Baker hath not his admission by him, but if I desire it, he can send it me. NB. I do desire Mr. Earbury's admission and, if it were convenient, I should be glad to have a Catalogue of Mr. Earbury's published works.

Mr. Earbury hath published one Book, for w^{ch} I am sorry, that is Dr. Thomas Burnett *de statu mortuorum* in English. To this Translation Mr. Earbury hath added notes. It was printed by that rogue Edmund Curl. I have heard all people blame Mr. Earbury for this work, as well as for employing such a vile Rascal as Curl. In justification, he alleges, he hath added notes to confute Burnet, & that he was obliged to Curl for procuring him the Latin Book.

There were at first printed a very few copies (I think about four or

Dec. 19, 1728. Thomas Carte at Prince's Court to H. (Rawl. 4. 26). Mrs. Drake is the executrix of Mr. Drake, but Mr. Allington is Trustee, and will see that H. is paid the four guineas, if no receipts from H. for the money are found among the late Mr. Drake's papers. The matter would have been looked into by this time, had not Mrs. Drake had an accident, falling into

five) of Burnett's Book. Afterwards it was reprinted so that the Latin is not now scarce. I am told it was reprinted from a Copy procured of Dr. Mead.

Dec. 20 (Fri.). Mr. Hiley (an ingenious Gentleman), schoolmaster of Reading, hath looked over Mr. Reeves's sermons, designed for the Press. But he thinks they will not appear anything near so well from the Press, as they did from the Pulpit.

They have at St. John's Coll., Cambridge, the Polychronicon in Latin, concluding with the Coronation of Ed. III, another at Christ's College
10 concluding with the death of Ed. III. In a MS. of my Lord Harley, at the year 1341, after these words *Regina Angliae filium peperit, qui baptizatus est a domino Michaelē abbate de sancto Albano et nominatus Edmundus* follows *Hic finivit Ranulphus Cestrensis opus suum.* The MS. is much the same with Walsingham's History, but yet varying in several particulars, & is a continuation of the Polychronicon; so Mr. Baker, Dec. 15th, 1728.

Dec. 21 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson tells Mr. Baker of a design (but yet uncertain) of publishing Domesday Book at the expence of the Government. *This (says Mr. Baker) would be a usefull work, but yet would show*
20 *us to have been a conquered nation.*

That news of the Government's design to print Domesday I had heard before from Mr. Murray, when he was last in Oxford, who also spoke of it as a thing uncertain. He mentioned it because I said, could I get a perfect copie, I would print it myself. And I believe Dr. Rawlinson might speak of it now to Mr. Baker, because he had heard of what I designed. I mentioned some time since to a certain Gent. in Oxford what I had heard of the Government's Design. He replied he believed there was nothing in it.

The Bishop of Oxford, Dr. John Potter, bears a very poor mean
30 character at Cuddesden, where he lives. I heard a man of Cuddesden say yesterday, when I was that way, that he and his Lady are miserably stingy and covetous, & that there is not the least hospitality in their Family. He said they were so wretchedly miserable, that the Bishop and his Lady went themselves acoursing, she going up to her knees for a day

a river, from whence she was got out with great difficulty, and in consequence has had to keep her bed. Would like copies of H.'s previous publications for the Marquis d'Aubaix, a learned gentleman of Languedoc, if they are procurable.

Dec. 20, 1728. H. to T. Ward (Rawl. 17. 47, draft). Has been reading W.'s MS. containing Ross's Historical Account of the Earls of Warwick and other matter. Wishes to know to whom the MS. previously belonged. The account Dugdale used was in Latin and bears the name of Ross; this is in English, bears no name, and the writing seems to be not earlier than Hen. VIII. It is possible that Ross wrote two accounts, one in Latin and one in English. The Black Book would have been finished ere this 'had not the weather freezed our paper, ink, &c.'

Dec. 21, 1728. Ric. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 157). Hopes H. is well, notwithstanding the great cold and the sickliness of the last seasons. Hopes the Black Book will soon be out.

together at that sport, on purpose to hinder the poor from catching any Hares, & that they were very severe to any one (tho' never so poor) that killed any Hare &c. there.

Dec. 22 (Sun.). Mr. Spenser of Horspath was first a Thresher & went to day labor. Afterwards he became a Schoolmaster. Then he was a great Cocker (at w^{ch} time his first wife drowned herself in a draw-well) and at length a Petty-Fogger. His second wife (whose maiden name was Bigg) died lately. He never had any child by either of his Wives.

From Fog's Weekly Journal of Sat., Dec. 21, 1728.

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London, Dec. 21. Dr. Samuell Jebb, an eminent Physician, was married on Tuesday last to a young Lady of Ormond Street, of great Merit and Fortune.

Dec. 23 (Mon.). Mr. West hath lent me an old MS. anonymous Chronicle, of good note. The life in it of Edw. II is large & full, but four pages are wanting of it, w^{ch} Mr. West tells me he is wholly incapable of retrieving.

The said Chronicle belonged formerly to the Abbey of Malmesbury, and may therefore be properly stiled *Anonymi Chronicon Malmesburiense*.

Dec. 24 (Tu.). Mr. Palmer (who some time since published proposals for printing the history of Printing and Printers from Mr. Bagford's and other MSS. and printed books) is making all possible dispatch with it.

Dr. John Donne died Mar. 31, 1631. He left behind him an Abridgement or an Analysis of 1,400 Authors, w^{ch} he had read, all written with his own hand.

Dec. 25 (Wed.). On the 13th of April, 1728, West Fenton, of the Inner Temple, Esq., an ingenious Gentleman, lent me a little Folio Paper MS. containing (1) *Gervasii Tilberiensis de necessariis Scaccarii observantiis Dialogus* [exscriptum ex libro MS. Guilielmi Lambardi, 1652]; some short observations are here and there added of Mr. W^m Lambard's. This Dialogue being printed, I transcribed nothing from it. (2) *De monetæ assaio, allaio & examinatione tractatus incerti Auctoris* [This was also transcribed from Mr. Lambard's Copy. But this I had before this MS. came, having transcribed it from Mr. Lambard's copy that I had put into my hand by Mr. Lambard of X^t Church, anno 1726]. (3) *Thesis Cantabrigiæ proposita tercio Julii 1652 pro gradu doctoris in jure civili in Scholis publicis ab erudito viro michique amicissimo Johanne Cruso LL. doctore* [This is a thing not to my purpose]. The said folio MS. belonged to Thomas Kecke, socius Medii Templi, who transcribed it.

Dec. 26 (Thur.). Mr. W^m Smith, author of the book called *The Annals of Univ. College*, hath written a letter to his nephew of Grays Inn, wherein he desires a copy of a Charter of Henry VI to Merton College, in order to vindicate Sir Henry Savile from some aspersions, w^{ch} he confesses he hath too severely charged him with in his Annals. He writes word in the same Letter that he hath begun printing several Letters, w^{ch} he formerly wrote *De re nummaria*, & which he shortly designs to publish.

On Thursday, the 19th instant, in the morning, died of a Feaver after a short illness, tho' he had been ill some time before, Dr. White Kennett, Bishop of Peterborough. It seems he had went over the water from London to Lambeth, & upon his Return fell ill, & not taking care of himself with respect either to a Physician or an Apothecary, he soon was carried off at his House in St. James's street, Westminster. He was the son of Basil Kennet, vicar or minister of Popling in Kent, and was born in the parish of St. Mary in the ancient Town of Dover, in the same county, in the month of August 1660, entred a Batler or Semi-Commoner of Edmund Hall in June 1678, being then put under the tuition of Mr. Andrew Allam, took the degree of Bach. of Arts, became assistant to Mr. Samuel Blackwell, minister & schoolmaster of Bister in Oxfordshire, proceeded in Arts, being made Master thereof Jan. 22, 1684; was made vicar of Amersden in the same county, by the favour of Sir W^m Glynnne, Baronet, in the beginning of Sept. 1685, one of the Lecturers of St. Martin's church, commonly called Cairfax, within the City of Oxon., in Sept. 1691, he being then Vice-principal of Edmund Hall; rector of Shottsbrook near Maidenhead, in Berks., by the gift of W^m Cherry, Esq., at the recommendation of his son Mr. Francis Cherry, sometime Gent. Commoner of Edmund Hall, in Feb. 1693. On May 5, 1694, he was made B.D., and on July 19, 1700, D.D., tho' 'twas with difficulty that he got to be Doctor at Oxford, by reason of a false & scandalous story he had divulged; but the Vice-Chancellour himself, Dr. Mander, happening not to sit, he got it; otherwise he would have been denied, & thereupon he designed to have went to Cambridge. On May 16, 1701 (he being then Rector of St. Aldermary in London) he became Archdeacon of Huntingdon; in Feb. 1707 Dean of Peterborough, & in 1718 Bishop of the same Place. He had three Wives & hath left a son behind him of both his names. He was a Man of Parts, & had in the former part of his Life a pretty fair character, but afterwards he proved a perfect Weathercock, & did & wrote anything for Preferment. He became an Antiquary by gleaning Dr. Matthew Hutton's papers, & pretended much that way. His printed books are hasty Things & his veracity not much to be relyed on. I cannot tell all he wrote, he being ashamed to own some. Dr. Tanner told me to-day that the last paragraph of the *Vindication of the Oxford Historiographer and his Writings* was certainly written by Dr. Kennett, whence I am apt to think that all that Pamphlett (w^{ch} is reprinted in the second or spurious ed. of *Athenae Oxon.*) was at least licked over by Kennett, who happened to be acquainted with Mr. Wood, tho' I cannot find by good authority that Mr. Wood had a very good opinion of him. Once this Kennett happening to dine with Anthony (as Dr. Tanner told me) at his (Mr. Wood's) Lodgings at the Racket Court by Merton College, two of Mr. Wood's sisters dined with them, one of w^{ch} Mr. Wood had not spoke with 25 years before. Kennett desired Mr. Wood to drink to his sister. Instead of that, he turned the thing, moved and said, 'Ay, this is good mustard, this is good Beef, &c.'

Dec. 27 (Fri.). The said Dr. Kennett hath left behind him (as Dr. Tanner told me) an excellent study of Books, many of w^{ch} were his

late brother Basil's, who had pickt up many of great note & curiosity in Italy.

He hath likewise left behind him an excellent collection of MSS. Papers relating to English history and antiquities, particularly with respect to the Church affairs of England. So also Dr. Tanner. And indeed I know that the Dr. hath been a collector a great many years, but what Credit may be given to his own Transcripts the Reader may easily guess, when he hears that he was a very partial writer and did nothing but with a design to serve a turn & that he was no accurate transcriber.

Dr. Tanner told me yesterday that it would be worth while to consider, ¹⁰ & publish many things from John Wethamstede's *Acta Prelature*, or the Transactions during his being twice Abbat of St. Albans. There are two parts; the first, being his first Abbacy, in Bibl. Cott.; the second in the Heralds' Office. The second is the best.

Dec. 28 (Sat.). The Life of Anthony à Wood by himself, written with his own hand, that Dr. Tanner hath, who lent it me and I have transcribed it, ends July 6th, 1672. The Dr. told me more than once, particularly on Thursday last, that he went no farther with it, unless it be that he made in other years some References by the word *Vide*, &c., to some of his note books, intending (had life continued) to have carried ²⁰ it on.

Dec. 30 (Mon.). Dr. Mead having laid out a great deal of money all along upon books & prints, his present Lady hath now advised & persuaded him to lay out his money another way, that is upon gold & silver Medals, w^{ch} she knows will be always worth their weight at least.

Amersden is no more than Mersedene, notwithstanding Dr. Kennett's noise & talk of Ambrosden¹: see mention of Mersedene in Dugdale's *Antiq. of Warwickshire*, p. 304, and *Mon. Angl.*, vol. i, p. 835, under Bruern Abbey.

Dr. Tanner told me the other day that he would shew Mr. Graves any ³⁰ thing in their College of X^t Ch. relating to the Abbey of Eynsham, in relation to w^{ch} Mr. Graves is writing some discourse, as he is about some other Places.

Dec. 31 (Tu.). There is just published in Folio, w^{ch} I have not yet seen, the History of Wales to the Death of Cadwalader. The author J. Lewis, who hath been dead many years. I take it to be the same book proposed formerly to be published by Hugh Thomas, who was much discouraged by Mr. W^m Thomas, &c., and yet now, since Mr. Hugh Thomas's death, I take the said W^m Thomas to have had

Dec. 31, 1728. Dr. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 5). [For first part see Diary, Jan. 25 and 26.] 'Please to send my copy of your edition of the *Red Book* &c. to my brother-in law, Mr. Symonds, surgeon, in Fenchurch Street, London.'

Dec. 31, 1728. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 150). A transcript of Troke-

¹ If Hearne means that Amersden in Domesday is the same as Mersedene, he is wrong. Amersden is entered under Oxfordshire and is Ambrosden; the two Mersedenes of which Hearne speaks are Marston in Warwickshire and Marston in Somersetshire.—Ed.

a great hand in the publication. Only two hundred copies are said to be printed.

Yesterday morning, Brazennose Coll. bell went for Mr. W^m Lucas, senior Fellow of that College, a man I never saw. He lived, & so hath done above 20 years, in the Country, where he died. He was in a crazed condition. He took the degree of M.A., July 14, 1696.

Jan. 1, 1728^g (Wed.). The remains of John Ross, the Warwick Antiquary, were many and very considerable. His *historia regum Angliæ* I have printed, and before it given an account of his works. 10 Leland preserved in his Itinerary (w^{ch} I have published) his Remarks about the Universities, tho' those are only some fragments of that work, the original being either lost or in obscure hands. His two accounts of the Earls of Warwick are in being. One is in Latin, the other in English, in both w^{ch} are the Pictures & Arms of the several Earls. A copy of the Latin one (taken by Sir W^m Dugdale from an original Roll in the hands of Sir Simon Archer) is in Mus. Ashm., & 'twas made use of by Dugdale who hath exhausted it, & taken from it all that he judged material. The English one is in MS. in the hands of Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq., who hath lent it me, & I design to print it, but 20 without the Pictures (what also Dugdale left out) as not material, the Effigies being not (as I take it) like the respective noble Persons designed for (if we may judge from what is given us in Dugd. from old Monuments), and the Arms being otherwise well enough known. 'Tis the History we want, & 'tis that only I shall give.

Mr. Poland, the Letter Carrier of Oxford, who some time since reprinted David Jones's sermon about Ember Week, was born in Ireland, at Waterford, and (as he tells me) is 54 years of age.

Jan. 2 (Thur.). The Inscription over the Town Hall Gate in Reading, communicated to me by Mr. Loveday, of Magd. Coll.:— 30 Auspiciis Caroli 2^{di} Regis | Curiam hanc labantem refici | Augeri et ornari curaverunt | Sumptu publico Praetor et | Decuriones huius Municipii | Liberali ope Johannis Blagrove | Armigeri non parum adjuti.

Yesterday died one Mr. Smith, at his house behind the Angel Inn in Oxford, a man of about fourscore years of age, who had been formerly a noted Grazier near Thame in Oxfordshire. He hath left a son & four daughters. (He was buried in Magd. Parish Church, Oxon., Friday night, Jan. 3.)

Jan. 3 (Fri.). One Samuel Buckley proposes to put out a new Ed. of

low's Annals in the Cotton Library has been made by Mr. Casley, in accordance with H.'s request in his letter of Oct. 22nd; 'it is sent to my nephew, Mr. Rolleston, who will deliver it to you'. Is also sending Mr. Buckley's second letter about a new edition of Thuanus.

Jan. 2, 1728^g. Samuel Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 58). Wishes H. to return the old writings. [See letter of Oct. 23, 1728.]

Jan. 2, 1728^g. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 73), see Diary, Jan. 5.

Jan. 3, 1728^g. H. to Ric. Mead (Rawl. 15. 151, *draft*). Thanks for the two presents. [See letter of Dec. 31, 1728.]

Thuanus's History with the several omissions, & hath printed two Letters on this Subject to Dr. Mead. He pretends to great exactness; yet he seems to me to be a silly fellow, if not (as I much fear) a Knave, & I believe will do what he can to slur the Queen of Scots. He hath made search after the printed 1st part of Camden's Annals, corrected with Camden's own hand, but saith he cannot find it, not taking notice that I have it, and that I have printed the Corrections and Omissions.

Jan. 4 (Sat.). [Extracts from 'Gervasius Tilberiensis'¹ about Domesday Book.]

Jan. 5 (Sun.). By original deeds ever since Hen. VIIIth's time 10 downward to the year 1652 (at w^{ch} time one Hearne purchased it, from whom it came to his grandson Mr. Edward Hearne, who now lives, I think, in Sussex, a civil sober young man) the House (in w^{ch} now lives one Keil) near the Theater at the corner of Wadham College Lane (w^{ch} Lane is part of Smithgate Street) was always called and known by the name of the Princes Armes, w^{ch} was then the sign, it being a Barbour's shop and victualling house. So the said Mr. Edward Hearne, in a Letter to Mr. Keil, Feb. 29, 1728^g, at w^{ch} time Mr. Keil was apprehensive that the Mayor would deny him the privilege of hanging out a sign; but he did not upon considering this Letter. The sign Keil put up is the Dog 20 and Partridge [*sic*]. This house is on the left hand, as we go to Wadham College.²

Mr. Earberie's admission stands thus in St. John's Register at Cambridge, as Mr. Baker informs me: *Matthias Earbery filius Matth. E. Clerici, natus apud Honsdon in com. Norfolk literis sub patre suo institutus, annos agens 15, admissus est subsizator pro Magistro Leech Jan. 16, 1705, tutore et fidejussore eius Magistro Perkins.*

What books Mr. Earberie hath publisht is to Mr. Baker unknown, having no correspondence with him, but he hath heard him blamed (as I have) for publishing that book of Tho. Burnett's *de statu mortuorum*, 30 w^{ch} Mr. Baker wonders was not reprinted sooner in Latin, whereof Mr. Baker had a copy by him long enough to have printed it, if it had been proper. Mr. Baker hath an answer to one of his books, presented him by Mr. Tyrrell; what it was he does not well remember.

Mr. Baker knows nothing more of John Ross than what I have publisht. He will enquire further.

Mr. Baker says what he hinted to me relating to himself, with respect to the late E. of Oxford, is not worth enlarging on. In short, it was only very slow payments and unreasonable delays, for the expence (& trouble) he had been at in collecting MSS. for him, & that without making any 40 conditions.

Mr. Sam. Jebb, now commonly called (from his practicing Physick in

Jan. 4, 1728^g. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 139), see Diary, Jan. 7.

¹ The *Dialogus de Scaccario* was at one time attributed to Gervase of Tilbury, but Madox had already shown that he could not be the author.—Ed.

² It is now the Coach and Horses, the last house in Broad St.; as late as 1772 it was the Dog and Partridge.—Ed.

London) Dr. Jebb, I am told is the supposed author of the two Letters about Thuanus to Dr. Mead. These two Letters are very erroneous, & withall heavy & muddy. This Jebb bears a very ill character among honest men, notwithstanding he professes himself a Non-Juror.

Jan. 6 (Mon.). Dr. John Freind's books began to be sold by Auction at London on Thursday last, Jan. 2; I have seen the Catalogue, and it appears that 'tis a collection, for the most part, of valuable Books, but there are hardly any Curiosities among them.

Who 'tis Dr. Jebb is married to, I cannot yet hear, tho' I am told it is
 10 not to a Daughter of Dr. Mead's, as we first imagined upon reading the paragraph in the Prints. Dr. Jebb not finding any great account, either in the profession of a Divine or an Author, is settled at Stratford near London, by the recommendation of Dr. Mead, in whose house he hath lately lived, and who himself had formerly much practice in that place.

Jan. 7 (Tu.). On Sunday night last, tho' the bells did not ring till yesterday in the afternoon, died in the 63rd year of his age Mr. William Saunders, Clark of St. Marie's parish in Oxford, singing man of X^t Ch. & St. John's. He died very poor, tho' his places were good, & he were a single man, having never been married. He was a very great drinker.
 20 His father had been clark of St. Marie's before him. This Will. Saunders was also by Profession a Pricker of Musick, & got formerly abundance of money by it, and moreover he was likewise a Barber, tho' of late he did not follow the trade.

Mr. Tho. Twining's book, relating to some antiquities near the [*sic*] Devizes, it seems, is thus intit. :—*Averbury in Wiltshire the remains of a Roman Work, erected by Vespasian and Julius Agricola &c.* London 1723. I have not yet seen it. But Mr. West hath it, and he says he will take care to procure either Dr. Woodward's (for 'tis in Dr. Woodward's Collection now about to be sold by auction) or some other for me.
 30 The Printer hath none of them left.

Jan. 8 (Wed.). Mr. Thomas Carte (of whom mention is made above) hath written and printed several Things of w^{ch} I must endeavour to get a List, either of himself or of somebody else. I find he doth not bear among Non-Jurors that character I expected, tho' he profess himself to be a Non-Juror. They say a thousand lib^s. was offered by the Government to take him up, and thereupon he fled into France. Why did he not stay, they say, in France, and not come over with that rogue Sam. Buckley? It looks (add they) that it was a trick between them to get a thousand lib^s. What credit is to be given to this objection
 40 I know not. I am willing to think well of him, at least till I know some better foundation to judge otherwise, notwithstanding (they say farther) that he is a very forward man.

Mr. Richard Russell, formerly Commoner of Univ. Coll., and Pupil to Dr. Hudson, as a member of w^{ch} Coll. he took the Degree of M.A., June 16, 1705, is a Non-Juror and an honest man. The said Mr. Russell had a benefice, but could not hold it by reason of the oaths. He hath translated, from French into English, Quesnell's N. Test., & he hath

printed it in iv vols. 8^{vo}. He is now about printing the *Patres Apostolici* (with select notes) in Gr.-Lat. in two vols. 8^{vo}.

Mr. Russell came to Oxford last week, and went out of Town again yesterday. One Dr. Martin, a Cambridge Physician, was with him, as also a son of Mr. Russell's, who goes to Westminster School.

The said Dr. Martin is about publishing a curious book about plants. He hath read two or three Botanick Lectures at Cambridge for the service of that place.

Mr. Martin told me Dr. Rob. Brady left behind him another Vol. of English History fit for the Press, from Ric. II to his own time, but that ¹⁰ his Widow burnt it. Inquire about this of Mr. Baker. If true, 'tis a great Loss, the Dr. being an honest man & the times dark to the Reign of Hen. VIII.

Jan. 9 (Thur.). Dr. Martin and Mr. Russell both then told me that the Works of Dr. John Cay of Cambridge are reprinting, and that Dr. Jebb hath the care of the edition, but they said they thought this edition took in only his Physical pieces, and not his Antiquities of Cambridge.

Yesterday morning, at 5 Clock, died suddenly Mr. Bradgate, keeper of the Three Tunns tavern in High St., Oxford, a man of about 37 years ²⁰ of age, who hath had that Tavern about 10 years, and hath been married about as many. He had been at his Friend one Mr. Whitehead's, an Attorney, behind that Tavern, on Tuesday night, Jan. 7, and came home at one in the morning, seemingly very well, at least as well as he hath been a great while, and not disordered in liquor to all appearance. He bid the servant that opened the door lock it, and so went directly to bed to his wife, who after he had been in bed some time, perceiving his throat to rattle, got up for his assistance, but 'twas too late. The neck of his Cravat being tied close to his neck, 'tis supposed was the immediate cause of his Death. He was by trade an apothecary, but leaving off that ³⁰ business, he took the said Tavern, having married one Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, who is now about 30 years of age, the daughter of one widow Matthews, afterwards the widow Badcock, who hath been dead several years, that kept one of the Oxford waggons to London; w^{ch} Mrs. Eliz. Matthews, wife of the said Bradgate, is a fine, stately, beautifull, large young Woman, but very proud & empty of sense, as her husband also was, and a great Company Keeper, particularly she is very familiar with one Mr. Moseley, M.A., a deformed rich Gentleman, Fellow of Merton College. It hath been observed that she had very little affection for her husband, who was a very hard drinker, & yet she had good reason to ⁴⁰ make much of him, he having brought her a good stock, having a good estate & a good fortune, whereas she had very little. She hath had a child every year since she was married to Bradgate, and there are four of them now living. He was buried Friday night, Jan. 10, in St. Marie's church, Oxon.

Jan. 10 (Fri.). Formerly was a great Fair kept at Oxford against the Augustine Friars' Gate, & so it continued some time after Wadham College was founded.

There is a speech printed in the Papers of the 4th of this month, of my

friend Benedict Leonard Calvert's to the General Assembly of Maryland, complaining of many differences subsisting there, and in the close tells them that his frequent indispositions will occasion his stay to be very short, so that I hope we may expect him back ere long, what I shall be glad of, nor indeed would I have had him went at first. But he urged as a motive the doing what service he could for their Family.

To enquire of Mr. Whiteside about some of the bones of Ed. V & of his brother Richard Duke of York, found in the Tower of London, temp. Car. II, part whereof were sent (as Dr. Plot in his MSS. memoirs says) to by Mr. Ashmole to his Museum at Oxford.

Query about London Coll. or Burnell's Inn in Oxford, mentioned by Mr. Wood, Ath. Ox., vol. i, p. 159, to have belonged to the Carthusians.¹

Jan. 11 (Sat.). Yesterday, died of a dropsy, Mrs. Burnham, at her house in St. Aldate's parish, Oxon., a widow woman, whose husband, Mr. Burnham, a maulster of that Place, died of the late epidemical Feaver last summer, in the 61st year of his age. He was very rich, w^{ch} came to his widow during her life, they having no children. What they had now comes to relations. A kettle full of money (at least a thousand libs.) was hid in the Cellar, & by her directions 'twas taken up last Saturday and
20 carried to Alderman Boyce, one of the Trustees.

On Dec. 2nd last was a meeting of the Heads of Houses about a Programma, relating to infidelity, & 'twas carried for one by a Majority, & accordingly one was printed, but at last (it seems) all the Heads, unless perhaps you may except one or two, so intirely agreed in one and the same thing, that is that what they had done should not be known, that they got all the copies into their own hands & quite stifled this Programma, done (it seems) without spirit, insomuch that it could not be seen nor procured, so that tho' I have much laboured for it, yet I have not been able either to get a Copy or even a sight of one. God knows, 'tis a poor
30 zeal for Religion, when they are ashamed & afraid to appear publicly in a good cause, but act in a clandestine way, and are not willing that even actions that are laudable should be known.

This day in the afternoon I called at the Mus. Ashmol. on purpose to see the bones of Edw. V and his brother Richard D. of York. Mr. Whiteside told me they had somewhere or other such bones very small, particularly the finger bones, and that Sandford had mentioned them as being there, in his Gen. History, but Mr. Whiteside did not produce them.

I saw at the said Museum in sheets Dr. Salmon's Antiquities of Hartfordshire. Mr. Whiteside said the author was in Town last week
40 and left the book there. 'Tis a very mean performance.

I have been told this Salmon is a Nonjuror and that he hath been so ever since the Revolution in 1688.

Jan. 12 (Sun.). I do not find that the monk of Evesham's Life of Ric. II is anywhere quoted in Speed, by w^{ch} it should seem that 'twas not made use of by him; nor does he cite Hen. Knighton otherwise than as he found him quoted in Hollingshead.

¹ At one time it was rented by Benedictines not Carthusians.—Ed.

Jan. 13 (Mon.). On Friday last the bells went in Oxford for Madam Hawkins, who died a little before in London, a widow woman, who was mother of Serjeant Hawkins, an eminent Practitioner of Law, who lives mostly in London, & was formerly Fellow of Oriel College, and hath printed several Books.

Jan. 14 (Tu.). Last night had like to have been a dreadfull Fire at the new printing house in Oxford, but 'twas discovered between nine and ten clock & so stopped. It happened to be in the Rolling Press room, where are many vessels of oyl & a great deal of rags that are besmeared with oyl & abundance of other combustible stuff. Tho' it flamed out, ¹⁰ yet no other damage than the burning some paper (such as Oxford Almanacks, &c.) was done; but had it happened an hour and a half or two hours after, when people were abed, the whole house (I am told) would have been burnt down, & in all probability much mischief would have followed besides, the wind being very high & the Schools, Library, Theater, &c., very nigh. It hath been in danger of being burnt several times before.

Jan. 15 (Wed.). London College or Burnell's Inn in Oxford was in Civil School Street, the East Part of ^{weh} street abutted upon Pennyfarthing Street. This street was sometimes also called Fryers' street, tho' ²⁰ not so properly as that street (^{weh} was also called Lombard Street & Slaughter Lane) that goes behind Pembroke College.¹

Madam Hawkins was very handsomely buried last night, at 7 Clock, in Merton Coll. church, in a Leaden Coffin, in the same vault with her husband, who was also buried in a Leaden Coffin, *anno* 1701, & was commonly called Esquire Hawkins.

Mr. Tottenham, of Lincoln College, called upon me today and read to me a Letter from Dr. Archer, Archdeacon of Wells, by ^{weh} I understand the Dr. is searching the Registers there for me about *Episcopus puerorum*, in reference to ^{weh} little bishop I have printed something at the end of ³⁰ the Black Book of the Exchequer.

Jan. 16 (Thur.). Madam Hawkins above mentioned was at least fourscore years of age, yet she carried a good fresh countenance to the last. She was a tall proper Woman, and had been very handsome.

Beaumont Street in Oxford went from Smith Gate to the middle of

Jan. 13, 1728. H. to Rev. Mr. Carte (Rawl. 1. 3). Asks him to present to Marmaduke Alington, Esq., M.P., at Lincoln's Inn, the enclosed receipt for 4 guineas, due to H. from the late M. G. Drake, Esq.; upon which C. will receive 4 guineas, and after he has satisfied himself for the charges he has been at, the residue is to be sent to Oxford by Godfrey, the waggoner.

Jan. 15, 1728. E. Archer to H. (Rawl. 1. 130), see Diary, Mar. 17.

Jan. 16, 1728. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 15. 65). Knows of no

¹ This paragraph is full of errors. Civil School Street was on the east side of St. Aldate's Street, Pennyfarthing Street was on the west side. Fryers' Street was different from either, being the street which ran westward from St. Ebbe's Church. Slaughter Lane, now Brewers' Street, was never called either Lombard St. or Fryers' Street.—Ed.

Beaumont Field, where was a place called Rome¹ formerly (and at w^{ch} some years ago great Foundations were digged up), and I think the lane going by St. Gyles's church towards Worcester College was part of this Beaumont Street.

Mr. Clement Walker continued his History to the King's coming to Worcester. But this continuation (w^{ch} is great pity) is lost. It seems that at Bristoll they observe that weak persons usually dye about full sea; & so this Mr. Walker dyed in the Tower of London. He asked about an hour before how long it was to that time; then, said he, I shall depart.

- 10 **Jan. 17 (Fri.).** Yesterday I called upon Dr. Stratford, who gave me a Print of the late B^p of Chester, Dr. Gastrell, curiously done by Vertue, at the charges of the present Earl of Oxford, from a print by Dahl.

Jan. 18 (Sat.). Mr. Wharton (*Anglia Sacra*, Part I, p. 316) quotes Henry Blanford's continuation of John Trikelowe's Annals as good authority. I must therefore get a transcript thereof, as I have one of Trikelowe (or rather Trokelowe) already, being sent me by Dr. Mead.

The said Henry Blanford is in Bibl. Cott. Claudius D. vi. 9, but it seems it is imperfect there. Dr. Nicolson (in p. 149 of his Scotch Hist. Libr.) makes mention of it and tells us of no other copy; therefore I must

- 20 get it by all means.

Jan. 19 (Sun.). Greek Hall in Oxford stood somewhere in St. Gyles's parish, I think near the church on the west side of the way.² It flourished much, even as low as the time of Hen. VI. Bryan Twyne was of opinion it was nothing but a corruption of Greeklade, and that it owed its original to the Greeklade Philosophers; but I think otherwise, and that it was so called from the Greek language that was taught there more than elsewhere in Oxford, particularly in Hen. III's time, when Fryer Bacon had instructed many in that language.

- Yesterday was admitted Fellow of All Souls College, Mr. Wood, of
30 X^t Ch., younger brother to Mr. Wood, Fellow of All Souls, being put in by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to whom that power this year devolved by reason of the Warden & Fellows disagreeing. Mr. Wood is Founder's Kinsman & nearly related to the present Archbishop.

Jan. 20 (Mon.). Yesterday being Prince Frederick's birthday (according to the foreign accounts, tho' the xxx of January be it according to the English Account), the Bells rang mightily for him in Oxford,

one who has a transcript of Domesday Book except Mr. Trevor, whose transcript belonged to the late Master of the Rolls.

Jan. 18, 1728⁸/₉. Tho. Carte to H. (Rawl. 4. 27). Has sent the 4 guineas, received from Mr. Allington, to Godfrey, at the Oxford Arms.

Jan. 20, 1728⁸/₉. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 26). The Black Book is finished, and the advertisement of the next work, Vita Ricardi II, is

¹ Rome was on the east side of Banbury Road where it joins Park Street and the road from Norham Gardens.—Ed.

² Wood says that Greek Hall was on the east side of St. Giles's, where now is the kitchen of St. John's College; but he adduces no proof that it bore this name, and none has been found.—Ed.

more than ever I knew them ring for his father K. George II, as he is called, tho' they were never rung for this Prince before, he having been all his time (till he came over very lately) beyond sea.

Last Friday morning, Mr. Bannister, a young, civil, sober man (one of the University of Oxford musick for their wights), died suddenly, having been upon business very well that very morning. He hath left a wife and 4 children. He lived in Merton Coll. fields.

Jan. 21 (Tu.). The Inscription on the monument of B^p Hooper at Bath was made by Mr. George Wigan & revised by Dr. Rob. Freind. 'Tis long. The late Princess of Orange & the Princess of Denmark, 10 commonly called Q. Mary and Q. Anne, are called in it *reginae pietissimae*, notwithstanding their unnatural undutifulness, particularly the first, to their father K. James II, who often complained with bitter Tears at it, especially he used very frequently to lament the fate of the first, as the most undutifull Wretch on earth.

I am told Mr. Nevil Lowther, whom I have formerly mentioned, dyed in the Fleet, that he was a Roman Catholick, & remitted what money he could beyond seas to some Dominican Friery, and upon occasion some to the Chevalier. He died very poor. His widow (a good sort of woman and a pretty body), by whom he had no child, lives now in Reading. 20 I always looked upon this Mr. Lowther to be a Non-Juror, as indeed he was, but I knew not till today that he was a Roman Catholick. I always took him (& 'twas his character amongst all) to be a very honest man, but I find since his death, that people now look upon him to have been otherwise, from his cheating some persons, but perhaps this may be in good measure groundless.

Jan. 22 (Wed.). Mr. Walter Hart, Bach. of Arts of St. Mary Hall, is an ingenious young man, especially in Poetry, and is Vice-Principal of that Hall. He is son of Mr. Hart, the Nonjuror. He hath something relating to Poetry in print. 30

Jan. 23 (Thur.). Little University Hall in Oxford stood in High St., towards East Gate,¹ and was much talked of in Hen. VI's time, when

published. Mr. Russell, who was lately in Oxford with Mr. Martin, told H that R. designed to send him *Douglas* [see letter of Nov. 25, 1728]. Did not see Dr. Salmon when he was recently in Oxford, 'I do not know whether he be one of us; if he be, I shall have a great value for him'.

Jan. 20, 1728. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 250). The Black Book is finished and copies will be sent shortly. Evesham's Life of Richard II is being printed.

Jan. 23, 1728. Sir Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 9. 93). Sends £4 14s. 6d. 'I find I have lost the guinea and halfe sent by the post, which cannot be helped. I thought to have found an easier way of sending you money than by the carrier.'

Jan. 23, 1728. W. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 28. 18). 'Your advertisement was put into the Daily Post of yesterday.'

¹ There was a Little University Hall on the site of B. N. C., and another in High Street, about the middle of the Eastern Quadrangle of Univ. College.—Ed.

John Ross was of Oxford, w^{ch} John Ross was very diligent in searching after our Antiquities and our old Histories, and being afraid of the destruction that would follow from the Warrs, he did what he could to preserve them.

Jan. 25 (Sat.). Dr. Tanner, in his Letter to me of Dec. 31 last (he being then in Oxford), tells me he can't find in his collections anything of Jo. Rosse's, w^{ch} he and I did not mention when he was last at my room, w^{ch} was at the latter end of December last.

Will. Whitlock, in his Litchfield Cronicle, quotes the book w^{ch} Leland, 10 Bale, &c. mention, *de episcopis Wiccensibus librum*; w^{ch} the Dr. fears will prove only the Catalogue of the Bishops of Worcester, MS. Dugdal. G. 2, p. 91.

I have often looked into the said Ashm. Museum MS. of Sir Wm Dugdale, w^{ch} besides Ross's Latin History of the Earls of Warwick, contains the catalogue of the Bishops of Worcester, w^{ch} is nothing but a bare list, and yet I take it to be the very same thing mentioned by Whitlock.

Jan. 26 (Sun.). Dr. Tanner at the same time observed that among the MSS., late Mr. Jones's, of Sunningwell, in the printed Catalogue, is said to be *Johannis Rossi Werwicensis quatuor mundi aetates*. What this is he says he can't yet tell, unless part of his History. NB. It is his His- 20 tory, the very same I have printed, and 'twas this very MS., now in the Bodl. Library, I made use of, as he might have known from my Book, but I suppose he never yet saw it.

Dr. Tanner supposes Jo. Ross's *book of Gyants*, w^{ch} he mentions in the preface to his History, is lost.

Mr. Spencer of Horsepath told me yesterday that he is 54 years of age.

Jan. 27 (Mon.). One Mr. H. Pearson, M.A. of X^t Ch., told me last night he hath a MS. of Roper's Life of Sir Thomas More. But I, having printed this work, am not solicitous about it. Indeed there are many MSS. of it up and down, for ought I know more than there are printed Copies.

30 **Jan. 28 (Tu.).** On Saturday I received from Dr. Rawlinson a vellom MS. in English, being the Chronicle of England, commonly called *Brute of England*. He lent it me, and this day I sent it back again by Godfrey's

Jan. 23, 1723. James West to H. (Rawl. II. 140). Sends H. the first and last words of De La More's *Life of Edw. II*. Dr. Friend's books, sold by Christopher Bateman, realised £1,000. Dr. Jebb is employed by Fletcher Gyles and Davis as a corrector of the Press.

Jan. 24, 1723. H. to Dr. Salmon at Bishop's Stortford, in Hartfordshire (Diaries, 120. 107). 'A great while ago I had two little books of yours, relating to the Roman stations, brought to me; . . . being uncertain to what place to direct to you, I deferred writing; but being now informed how to direct a Letter, I desire that you would accept of my thanks for your two books.'

Jan. 24, 1723. W. Bedford to H. (Rawl. 2. 70). Desires a copy of the Black Book for Mr. Thomas Hurdman, if there is a spare copy; and mentions that Mr. George Smith, the writer's brother-in-law, should be printed in the list of H.'s subscribers as of Burnhall, Durham, as he has left St. John's Coll., Cambridge, this seven years.

Jan. 28, 1723. W. Brome to H. (Rawl. 3. 142). Desires that the Black Book be bound in the same manner as the previous volumes; will subscribe for *Vita Ricardi II*.

waggon, by ^{weh} it came. It is in folio and is intituled on the back side *Chronicle of England by Dowglas, Monk of Glastonbury MS.* It ends in the 6th year of Hen. V. I ran it over more than once but found nothing in it ascribing it to Dowglas, so that I know not by what authority 'tis ascribed to him. There are many MSS. of the Chronicle of *Brute of England*, ^{weh} may be all ascribed to Dowglass, as well as this, among ^{weh} ought to be reckoned a very good one that I have myself, ^{weh} was given me by Mr. Baker of Cambridge, as also another (but very imperfect) that was given me by Mr. W^m Burman of X^t Ch., of ^{weh} latter MS. I have made mention in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft. There seems ¹⁰ something to have been torn out at the beginning of Dr. Rawlinson's, but I believe it did not at all relate to the Chronicle, his brother Thomas having noted that 'tis perfect, as indeed it is. At the end of the Dr.'s are some verses in old English about the Acts of Ric. I, but these seem to be imperfect and to be of the same kind with those upon that King that I have taken notice of in my Ed. of Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle.

Yesterday, at two Clock in the afternoon, was a Convocation in ^{weh} Sir Thomas Twysden was created M.A. This young Kentishman was Gentleman Commoner of Univ. Coll., and became a Baronet very lately (about 4 months since) by the Death of his Father. I am acquainted ²⁰ with him. He is endowed with many good qualities. He formerly gave me some Roman Coins.

Mr. Sam. Parker asked me this afternoon where the late Mr. Obadiah Oddy's papers are lodged. I told him my Lord Oxford had them. He said Mr. Fabricius of Hamburg was about an Edition of Dion Cassius, and would fain have what Mr. Oddy had done towards one. He said great Inquiry had been made about Mr. Oddy's papers, but no intelligence could be got before. Mr. Parker said, Fabricius's picture is put into the Bodl. Library.

Dr. Wallis, tho' otherwise a very healthy man, had sometimes the Gout. ³⁰

The famous Mr. W. Oughtred was a good Chymist and Magician, and a great collector of such curious books, ^{weh} papers (a great number) his son Ben. used to speak of and to say that his father burned them before he dyed.

Jan. 30 (Thur.). This being the martyrdom of K. Charles I, the Sermon before the Univ. of Oxon. was preached at St. Marie's by Dr. Ric. Banner of Univ. Coll.

Jan. 28, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 27). Thanks for the MS., which he returns. It proves to be the Chronicle of *Brute of England*; cannot find any passage which ascribes it to Douglass. 'I have not paid the Carriage back.'

Jan. 29, 1728. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 120. 112). In his last letter H. had desired a transcript of MS. Cott. Claudius D. vi, *Hen. Blancford's Chronicon de treugis inter Scotos & Anglos*, the only copy of this work known to Wharton and Bishop Nicolson. As Thomas Walsingham says that in his time the *Chronica fratris Henrici Blankford monachi sancti Albani* was to be seen in St. Alban's abbey, it is desirable to observe whether there is any note in MS. Cott. Claudius D. vi of the place to which it formerly belonged.

Jan. 30, 1728. H. to West (Rawl. 11. 140). Thanks for the letter. 'I now perceive that the Life of Edw. II in your MS. is different from De la More.'

Last night, about half an hour after six Clock, called at my room a decayed Gentleman called Rosewell, who said (and he had abundance of Certificates and Testimonies to prove it) that he had been a very great sufferer, to the loss of many thousand libs., that he had been a merchant & was now so reduced as to become an object of Charity. He said he had a Wife & two Daughters also in Oxford, and that both his Wife & Daughters were very curious in cutting Images & Figures in Paper. He said Mr. John Rosewell, formerly Schoolmaster of Eaton, was his uncle, and that himself was a Scholar of Eaton under Mr. John
10 Newborough, who succeeded Mr. Rosewell.

Jan. 31 (Fri.). I am told that Dr. Banner, yesterday at St. Marie's, spoke mightily for Passive Obedience. And yet at the same time he is one of those great numbers that act quite against the Doctrine.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, called upon me Mr. Eusebie Isham and Mr. Richard Hutchins, Fellows of Linc. Coll., and one Mr. York, a Northamptonshire Gent., was with them. Mr. York said my late friend John Bridges Esq.'s map of Northamptonshire will be out in some short time. It is called (it seems) Mr. Bridges's, because it was done by his directions and 'twas to have been adapted to his Book, ^{which} is not like
20 to appear in hast, if ever; tho' Mr. York says no one is fitter for doing it than Dr. Isham, brother of the abovesaid Mr. Isham, provided he could have the use of Mr. Bridges's papers.

Soon after they were gone, Sir Thomas Twysden (who is gone out of Town this morning and designs to travell into France and Italy) called upon me and staid with me near 2 hours. He told me his father Sir Thomas Twysden (who was just turned of three score) died suddenly in his coach of an asthmatick Fit (he, his son, being with him) having been a quarter of an hour before very well and merry.

Feb. 1 (Sat.). Mr. Tho. Allen, rector of Murston and Kingsdowne,
30 near Sittingbourne in Kent, designs to send me several particulars, relating to some antiquities, &c., in Kent.

Feb. 2 (Sun.). Dr. Rye, archdeacon of Oxford and rector of Islip, is made rector of Ickford near Thame.

About 2 months agoe dyed old Mr. Will. Peacock (aged at least fourscore), Vicar of Cumnor in Berks., and Mr. Kent of Magd. Coll. succeeds him. This Mr. Peacock had also both the Hinxeys (as also Wotton, till about 2 or 3 years ago), but now they are all made four distinct places. The Minister of Wotton is Mr. Stephens, Master of Magd. Coll. This Wotton is made to be fourty libs. per an., being

Jan. 31, 1728. Richard Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 154). Has been ill since Aug. 2, first with a fever, then with a cold. Sends 3 guineas for two copies of the Black Book, one large and one small; a crown for binding one copy in white calf with red leaves (the other copy to remain unbound in quires); and half a crown to drink with Mr. Whiteside.

Feb. 1, 1728. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 11. 100). In answer to H.'s of Jan. 27, he desires that the copies of the Black Book be sent to his house in Hanover St.

collected of the Inhabitants, &c., and I understand my Lord Abbington takes care also to make the Hinxeys 40 lbs. per an. each.

Feb. 3 (Mon.). The above-mentioned Mr. Yorke is a Clergyman, and was of St. John's College in Cambridge, and was well acquainted with my late friend John Bridges, Esq. He hath a love and value for Antiquities and assisted Mr. Bridges what he could.

My friend Mr. Brome, of Ewthington near Hereford, wants to know whether Mr. Hutchinson's Ed. of Xenophon's *Cyropaedia* be an extraordinary performance. For my part, I hear no one commend it, and as to what I know of it myself, I think Dr. Well's Ed. much better. 10

Feb. 4 (Tu.). In Dr. Stratford's Copy of Pitseus is no MS. note either upon Trikelowe or Hen. Blankforde. The Author of the MSS. notes in that copy was Mr. John Theyer.

Feb. 5 (Wed.). Mr. Loveday of Magd. College's mother's maiden name was Lethullier, and Mr. Lethullier (late of Trin. Coll., Oxon.) is related to her. This Mr. Lethullier is a worthless vain man, whom therefore Mr. Loveday hath a very mean opinion of, and yet some in Oxford used to cry up this Lethullier, notwithstanding he despised true Learning, but 'twas merely to flatter him.

Feb. 6 (Thur.). On Sat., Jan. 25, 1728, I received from Dr. Rich. 20 Rawlinson a catalogue of his late Brother Thomas's MSS. *weh* Catalogue is lent me. There are 394 folios, 364 quartos, and 211 8^{vos}, in all 969. I sent it back Jan. 28, Tuesday, 1728.

[Then follows a list of the MSS. which Hearne considered to be of most interest. The printed Catalogue of Thomas Rawlinson's MSS. was issued in 1733 and is accessible; what Hearne saw was probably what is now in the Bodleian, Rawl. MSS. D. 902, a rough catalogue of Thomas Rawlinson's MSS. made in 1728.]

About 3 weeks since, at Becconsfield, was married Mrs. Eliz. Cherry to Mr. Hen. Frinsham. She is the youngest of the two daughters living of Mrs. Eliz. Cherry (who lives at Becconsfield), widow of my late best friend 30 Mr. Francis Cherry. Mr. Frinsham is Vicar of White-Waltham near Maidenhead, in Berks., and son of the Rev. Mr. Frinsham, vicar of Wargrave near Reading, in Berks.

Yesterday was Mr. Loveday of Magd. College's birth day. Q. in what year he was born.

Mr. Loveday told me last night that his mother, who lives at Caversham, is about 43 or 44 years of age.

Q[uaere] about Mr. Arnold, an old Gentleman that died not long ago at Goring in Oxfordshire, and was very rich, having a very good estate, but was so very penurious that he lived in a little thatched House, in 40 a nasty manner, like an hermite. He was a single man, and a man of

Feb. 4, 1728. E. Burton at Whitehall to H. (Rawl. 3. 186). Is sorry that Mr. Peisley has not yet called and paid for B.'s copy of the Black Book, according to his instructions; knows no one but Peisley in Oxford so proper for that purpose.

excellent good sense and very charitable and religious, and left all he had to charitable uses. Many have looked upon him as a Roman Catholick, but quære.

Feb. 7 (Fri.). Colonel Sawyer (that is John Sawyer) of Heywood near Maidenhead in Berks.'s Lady (by whom he hath had a great number of Children) was Daughter of Sir Charles Duncombe. She is a very good notable Woman, and so far from Pride that she will even milk the cows herself.

At Heywood was a very large old House, and one of the most convenient Houses for a Gentleman in England, insomuch that when I was
 10 a schoolboy with the said Col. Sawyer, I have heard it often commended on that account by Gentlemen of skill. But some years since the Colonel pulled it down (tho' there was no manner of occasion, it being very strong and firm) and built a new fashioned, little, inconvenient House in its stead, for w^{ch} he hath been much blamed.

Feb. 8 (Sat.). Yesterday morning Mr. Isham of Lincoln College called upon me, and told me Mr. Prowse of X^t Ch. had a draught of about 20 Coats of Arms of so many Abbats of Glastonbury, that had been represented in some old monument at Glastonbury.

20 **Charles Lowe** of Westminster, Esq., was in Oxford last summer, but I did not see him, and he went from thence to Mickleton in Gloucestershire with his nephew, young Mr. Graves, Commoner of Univ. Coll. This Mr. Lowe, I have heard, is versed in Registers. He is an agent for my Friend, the Hon^{ble} Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., Governor of Maryland.

Feb. 9 (Sun.). Yesterday I saw a Farmer that lives at Merton upon Otmere, near Bicester. He told me that the Roman way w^{ch} goes from Beckley over Otmere, passes thro' one of his grounds in its course to Alchester (in the parish of Wendlebury) and is called *Akemanstrata Way*.

Feb. 8, 1728. H. to Rev. T. Carte (Carte MS. 227. 176). Thanks for the 4 guineas due from the late M. G. Drake. On Tuesday, Feb. 11, will send a copy of the Black Book.

Feb. 8, 1728. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 17. 49). 'You desired some account of Ross's MS. [see letter Dec. 20]. My MS. certainly belonged to Henry Beaufoy, a relative of my mother's; for his name occurs on the top of a blank leafe about the middle of the book, or rather where this account ends. I cant help thinking it an original, left at Guy's-Cliff by the Author himself, and there preserved till such time as William Hudson purchased the estate, which afterwards cam to Sir Thomas Beaufo by marriage (in whose family it still continues, says Dugdale), and very likely this MS. with the rest of the writings.' The Latin Roll used by Dugdale was in the possession of Robert Arden; a copy of it, made by Dugdale, is in the Ashmolean Museum.

Feb. 10, 1728. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 141). Mr. Whiteside and Mrs. Murray dined yesterday with Lord Oxford. [See Feb. 11, 12, and 13.]

Feb. 10, 1728. Thorpe to H. (Rawl. 10. 113). Subscribes for Vita Ricardi II. Suggests that as Cambridge has lately so far demeaned herself as to act on a level with any petty University abroad, in conferring Degrees on promiscuous numbers, without regard to Character or Qualification, it would be

Feb. 11 (Tu.). The late Mr. Betham of Silchester, in Hampshire, married the sister of Dr. Dawson, minister of Windsor. She now lives in Saily Street in the parish of White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks., upon a little estate of about 25 lbs. per an. that she bought of her said brother Dr. Dawson, who cheated her in it, & hath been a villain to her in other respects, particularly in getting what money she had and making no return.

The said Dr. Dawson, now in the Fleet for debt, is a sad vain Man. He hath wrote and published several Books, very poor and mean. Some years ago he pretended to write the Antiquities of Berks., but he was not ¹⁰ capable. His present Wife is sister to the Duke of Chandois.

Yesterday died Mr. Townsend, a wheelwright of St. Giles in Oxford, brother of the late old Mr. Townsend of Oxford, mason.

This day I received a letter from Mr. James West, dated from the Inner Temple Feb. 10th, in a Postscript to which he writes thus:— 'Mr. Lowe, Registrar to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, and brother in Law to our good friend Mr. Graves, drowned himself this week in his own cistern.' [I hear since it was an apoplexy.]

Feb. 12 (Wed.). Some people having heard that I have a mind (as indeed I have, if I could get a perfect Copy) to publish Domesday Book, ²⁰ instead of promoting, are doing all they can to hinder it. Hence Mr. West, in his said Letter of the 10th, informs me that he is told by my Lord Oxford I have a mind to print Domesday Book, 'weh would be a glorious Work and redound much to the honour of our English nation and its Antiquities, since no nation can shew a record of that authority, age and value; but,' says Mr. West, 'I fear such a Design will meet with obstructions from such, whose private mercenary designs will always have stronger influences over them than their regard for the Publick Good. Besides, it will be necessary to have a Sign Manual for that Purpose.'

But notwithstanding this, had I a Copy, I would say nothing to any ³⁰ one (for discovering a Design is one way to hinder) about it, but put it directly to the Press, without the least Regard to a Sign Manual, or anything of that kind.

Feb. 13 (Thur.). Mr. West at the same time informed me that his

but justice to the Graduates of Oxford, if H., in the list of his subscribers, added the words *Oxon.* or *Cantab.* after their Degrees.

Feb. 11, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 28). Sends two copies of Black Book. 'No. 117 of your brother's MSS. is *Deposito regis Ricardi secundi*. Tho' I pretty well guess what it is, yet I should be glad to see it, did not your restriction hinder any publick use that may be made of it at present.'

Feb. 11, 1728. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 239). Sends nine copies of the Black Book. Also returns with thanks the MS. of Edward II's wardrobe. Evesham's Life of Ric. II goes on with expedition.

Feb. 11, 1728. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright (Rawl. 9. 57, *draft*). On Dec. 24th Mr. Coppin [see letter of Nov. 17, 1728] said he would shortly call for the copies of Elmham; but has not done so. The books are now being sent, together with copies of the Black Book, to one of H.'s friends in London, who will deliver them to Mr. Gosling [see letter of Nov. 17, 1728].

Feb. 13, 1728. The Earl of Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 195). Has received

MS. Chronicle, that I have by me and from w^{ch} I am transcribing the Life of Edw. II, belonged formerly to Sir Gervase Holles, among whose papers and letters (as he remembers) it came to his hands.

Mr. Anstis called on Mr. West on Monday morning last, and told him that there is a beautifull 4^{to} MS. in the Cotton Library of Ross's, being the Life and Actions of Guy of Warwick, with most beautifull Illuminations, which if ever that be printed ought to be most curiously engraved.

Feb. 14 (Fri.). The MS. Mr. Anstis mentioned to Mr. West sure is not of Guy, Earl of Warwick, but of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of that Place, if we may (as I think we may) rely upon Dr. Thomas Smith's Catalogue.

Mr. Baker hath not the admissions of the Titular Doctors, Salmon & Jebb, but he is told (by a friend of his, Mr. Salmon's) that Mr. Salmon was of Bennet College, where he took the Degree of Bac. of Law, tho' he practiseth Physick, and was the Son of a Clergyman in Bedfordshire. Mr. Jebb was of Peter-House, where (Mr. Baker thinks) he took his degrees in Arts.

Feb. 15 (Sat.). Mr. Lightwine, Fellow of Caius Coll., Cambr., who was trusted with Dr. Brady's MSS., shewed Mr. Baker some of them 20 many years ago, but never said any thing of a continuation of his History.

the two copies of the Liber Niger, and a parcel for Mr. William Thomas. 'I would make you some acknowledgement, if I knew well how either to send it down to you or pay it here in Town to any friend of yours; I will do it either way that is most agreeable to you, if you please to let me know.' Would be glad to recover the second part of the life of Sir Simonds D'Ewes. 'I have a very excellent picture of Sir Rob. Cotton, painted by Cornelius Johnson; this picture did belong to old Sir Simonds; I bought it and paid for it a very good price.' Sees in H.'s ed. of the Liber Niger that there is a life of Anthony Wood which extends beyond the MS. in Lord Oxford's library; would be glad to be allowed to transcribe, from this life, what is lacking in his own MS. Has lately received from Scotland a MS. of Fordun; will send it, if H. has a mind to see it. 'I had the satisfaction lately to drink your health with honest Master Whiteside.'

Feb. 13, 1728⁸. Sam. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 105). Has received the Liber Niger. Subscribes for the Vita Ricardi II.

Feb. 13, 1728⁸. Marmaduke Alington, Esq., to H. (Rawl. 1. 5). Would like a copy of a Book relating to the Exchequer which he hears H. has just published. Has a nephew at Queen's, who will call and pay for it. [Hearne replies that he is unable to supply a copy.]

Feb. 13, 1728⁸. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 109). Sends £5 16s. by Godfrey, being the last payments for the Black Book, 'including my misreckoning of sixpence last time.' When the books arrive, he will let H. know the opinions of the subscribers. Has no high opinion of *Monachus quidam de Evesham*, which H. proposes to publish. Why does he not undertake Junius's Glossary? [On the back two drafts of H.'s answer: 'There will be no occasion for you to send any one's opinion either of the Black Book or of the Monk of Evesham. Every one is left to his own liberty to subscribe or not to subscribe. . . . The Monk of Evesham is fully as good as the Monk of St. Alban's, and yet Walsingham was published by no less a man than Mathew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury. . . . I hear that the University will publish Junius's Glossary.']

The Dr's last thoughts seemed to have been employed in his Treatise of Burroughs, ^{web} Mr. Baker saw in MS. Poor Mr. Lightwine is now very old & reduced to Childhood & incapable of answering Enquiries, otherwise Mr. Baker could send me an account.

Yesterday, was buried in the afternoon, in St. Peter's churchyard in the East, Oxford, old Mrs. Swan, who died in that parish (tho' she was really of St. Clement's parish) on Wed., Feb. 12 last. She was born in 1642. She was married to Richard Swan, May 29, 1670. Her son Richard Swan was born March 17, 1670. Her son Thomas was born about 1680. Her husband died at least 24 years ago. She was born at 10 Ridmerley, com. Wigorn. She went to school a year at Tewkesbury. Her schoolmaster's name was Beachfield, a man of good Character. She came from the Country *anno aetatis* 22. When she went to school, Mr. Kimberley was then minister of Ridmerley, a good preacher & a man of a fair Character, being sober and religious.

A fortnight before Michaelmas last, died of the epidemical Feaver the widow Carter, of Foxcomb Hill in Berks., and is buried at Sunningwell by her Husband. She was near sixty years of age, & Carter was her third husband.¹

Feb. 16 (Sun.). Sir Edmund Sawyer, Kt., of Heywood in the 20 county of Berks., was a man that improved his Estate there mightily, he being a Gentleman that delighted much in husbandry and planting trees, insomuch that he let no bit of Land lye fruitless, but planted apple-trees &c. upon such ground as was hardly fit for other purposes.

Mr. Baker will enquire after the Consuetudinary of the Church of Norwich in Bennet Coll. Libr., and if he finds any thing concerning the Barne Bishop he will send it. Their constitution at Bennet Coll. is so troublesome that it hardly affords time for strict Enquiry.

Feb. 17 (Mon.). If Mr. Baker remembers well, there is somewhat in King's College Statutes concerning the Barne Bishop. He hath lent 30 his Copy to Dr. Rawlinson. When he returns it, Mr. Baker will send me an account.

That foolish custom was revived in Queen Mary's reign by Bishop Bonner, as Mr. Baker tells me I may find in Strype's Eccles. Memorials, vol. iii, chap. 25, pp. 202, 205, 310. Mr. Baker says there is somewhat of the like custom at York, as may be found in Mr. Thoresby's *Vicaria Leodiensis*, pag. 25.

Feb. 17, 1728. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright (Rawl. 9. 57, *draft*). The books were taken by H.'s friend, the Rev. Robert Gordoun, to Mr. Gosling, but he refused to pay for them, having received no orders [see letters of Nov. 17, 1728, and Feb. 11, 1728].

Feb. 17, 1728. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 110). The books are not at Godfrey's warehouse at the Oxford Arms, nor at Mr. Mott's, the bookseller's. Hopes they will be sent at once.

¹ A note by Hearne at the end of this volume of his Diary: 'Feb. 15, 1728, Sat., Delegates of Convocation set Scot's mulet at 13s. 4d. & that both pay their Lawyers. Both protest.' See above, Oct. 25 and Dec. 12.—Ed.

Feb. 18 (Tu.). Cock throwing in England (and indeed 'tis nowhere else) owes its original to the Triumphs of the English over the French in the time of Hen. V, particularly after the great Battle of Agencourt, when such a great number of the French were slain. *Gallus* being Latin both for a Cock as well as a Frenchman, 'twas thought a proper method of keeping up our insults at that time by Cock throwing.

Feb. 19 (Wed.). I am told that Dr. John Woodward's books, now selling by Auction at London, go at very high Prices. Guter's Incriptions, of the new Ed., was bought in the said auction for 4 libs.

10 **Mr. West** hath given me Mr. Twining's little 4^{to} book about Avebury in Wilts. 'Tis a very mean thing & shews the author to be a poor Antiquary.

On the 29 of Jan. last, I desired from Dr. Mead, out of the Cotton Library, a copy of Hen. Blanford's *Chronicon de treugis inter Scotos & Anglos*. I sent my Letter by Mr. Whiteside on the said Jan. 29, being Wed.; the Dr. sent word by Mr. Whiteside, who returned from London last night, that the person he employs in such affairs is at present very busy for him (the Dr.) in writing Things relating to the new edition of Thuanus.

20 **Feb. 20 (Thur.).** Yesterday, the Latin Sermon before the determining Batchelours was preached by Mr. Jones of Balliol College.

I hear they are about printing the Remains of Sir Xtopher Wren, who was undoubtedly a very great man, tho' very little or nothing hardly of his was published (at least not under his own name) in his life time.

Feb. 21 (Fri.). Last night I had a peevish (or, to use his own Term, splenetick) Letter from one Mr. J. Lewis, of Margate in Kent, in which he signifies that he does not know how to trust books faithfully printed from MSS., that he and others have been offended with what I have said truly of many great and deserving men, particularly with my character of

Feb. 18, 1728. H. to William Thomas, Esq. (Rawl. 8. 196, draft). Sends a copy of the Black Book for Mr. Timothy Thomas, whose friend at Ch. Ch., Mr. Manaton, refuses to have anything to do with it, saying that he has received no instructions.

Feb. 18, 1728. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Rawl. 8. 196, draft). 'I thank you for your designed present [see letter Feb. 13], which may be sent as your Lordship shall think most proper. . . Mr. Wood's Life that I have quoted is a different thing from his Diary. Your Lordship hath the first part of his Diary, but the second part I never saw. The Life which I saw ends in 1672. I have done with Fordun long ago & design to spend no more time about him. 'Twas enough that I published faithfully the MS. I had. However, since your Lordship hath had a MS. of Fordun sent you from Scotland, I shall be glad to see it.' Is sending a copy of the Black Book for Mr. William Thomas, who is to give it to his brother, Mr. Timothy Thomas.

Feb. 20, 1728. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 76). [See Diary, March 2.] Explains that as Mr. Beauprè Bell values himself upon his family, he would like his name spelt correctly in H.'s list of subscribers.

Feb. 20, 1728. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 142). [See Diary, March 5.] 'When I wrote to you last, I wrote *Guy* by mistake, instead of *Richard*, tho' I had put it down right in my collections.'

Wiclif and Fox; that the method I follow in speaking the truth is unbecoming the ingenuity of a scholar, as well as the Character of a Christian; that the Charters &c. of Glastonbury &c. published by the Editors of the Monasticon, by Dr. Gale, myself, &c. are foolish, sorry stuff; & lastly that I have done an honour to my country & myself & have got deserved credit by the pains & diligence I have bestowed in publishing Livy &c.

Memorand. that this Lewis is the same poor writer that drew up and published Wicliff's Life. He is a Wiclivist, Calvinist, Puritan & Republican, and hath wrote & published divers other things of no manner of Esteem among honest learned men.

Feb. 22 (Sat.). Yesterday I returned back to Richard Graves, Esq., a folio MS. in vellum, fairly written in an ancient hand, *Vita B. Thomae à Becket*. It begins thus: *Incipit Prologus in vita beati Thomae archiepiscopi & martiris. Post summi favoris voce vestilos praeclaros pugiles.* In Lib. II in the Chapter intit. *Visiones propheticae de fuga* are these words: *Divertit autem rex in salam [id aulam, in an ancient hand] regiam fundatam in praedicto loco & sedit in ea indutus veste candida linea & lana, candidisque vulpinis, tanquam sertis caput cinctus.* It ends: *& eam faciant a suis parochianis annuatim cum magna devocione observari.* 20 It is handsomely bound. Mr. Graves sent it Nov. 28, 1726, but I wrote nothing out of it. I had returned it much sooner, only I heard of a MS. of Thomas a Becket's Life in the hands of Dr. Goodman, a physician of London, and I endeavoured to have some account of it before I sent back Mr. Graves's, and accordingly Dr. Mead promised to send me some account thereof; but after a long expectation none came, tho' I reminded Dr. Mead of his promise; for ^{wh} reason I sent Mr. Graves his again, he having offered me the liberty of having it again when I please. Who the author of Mr. Graves's MS. is does not appear, nor can I tell how it agreed with Quadrilogus, but I have desired Mr. Graves to see. At the 30 end of this MS. are bound with it two Leaves in vellum, which are of an old Hand & likewise in good Characters, the Subject of them is *de miraculis S. Wlsini*, so that this is a Fragment of St. Wlsin's Life. Memorandum that the life of St. Wlsin occurs twice in the Cottonian Library. Put Mr. Graves in mind to examine them.

Feb. 23 (Sun.). Yesterday called upon me Mr. Robert Phillips, formerly of Merton College, brother of the late famous Poët, Mr. John Phillips.

Mr. Twining is extremely ignorant in Antiquities. The place in Wilts. is commonly called *Abury* (not, as he writes it, *Avebury*) ^{wh} without 40 doubt is the truer word, and is no more than Aldbury or Oldbury. He makes *Marlborough* to be Martin le bourg, and called so from the

Feb. 22, 1728. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 251). Wishes to know if among his MSS. he has anything about Richard II. 'Mr. Whiteside's service. I believe we shall drink your health by and by.'

Feb. 22, 1728. Wm. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 34). Has received the copy of Liber Niger 'for my brother'. The two guineas shall be sent to Oxford by Dr. Stratford's man.

church's being dedicated to St. Martin, w^{ch} is ridiculous, the name without all dispute being occasioned by Marle or Chalk thereabouts.

Mr. Phillips yesterday told me that Mr. Carte is certainly (as I indeed always thought) a very honest Gentleman, but that he is a very great talker, and so imprudent that way as not to distinguish friend from foe, soe as the Bishop of Rochester, Dr. Atterbury, would trust him with no secrets in France, but was very shie of him.

Feb. 24 (Mon.). One Mr. Peter Lancaster, M.A., lately of X^t Church, hath put out Proposals for printing in 4^{to} an Epitome of Mr. Daubuz's great folio Commentary upon the Revelations, a Book in w^{ch} I am told there is a vast deal of Learning, and is much admired by Mr. Jonathan Colley, chaplain of X^t Church, and by Mr. Bouchier, Fellow of Worcester College, and by some other crazed Readers.

Feb. 25 (Tu.). Saturday last, I received from Dr. Rawlinson *Depositio Ricardi secundi*; so it is intit. on the backside by his brother Thomas, to whom it belonged. It is only 2 leaves in vellum, written in an old hand, of the age of Henry V. It is bound up with a great deal of blank Paper. It is only part of the Proceedings against that King, and being already published, I made no use at all of it.

Feb. 24, 1728. H. to Rev. J. Lewis, at Margate (Rawl. 7. 167). 'I received your peevish (or, to use your own term, splenetic) Letter of the 17th inst. in which you signify, that you do not know how to trust books faithfully printed from MSS.; that you and others have been offended with what I have said truly of many great and deserving men, particularly with my characters of Wiclif and Fox; that the method I follow in speaking the truth is unbecoming the ingenuity of a Scholar, as well as the character of a Christian; that the charters &c. of Glastonbury &c. published by the Editors of the Monasticon, by Dr. Gale, myself, &c., are foolish sorry stuff; and lastly that I have done an honour to my County and myself, and have got deserved credit by the pains and diligence I have bestowed in publishing Livy, &c. I am, Sir, your most humble servant, Tho. Hearne.' This letter was returned to Hearne by Mr. Lewis with the following written at the foot. 'I dont at all wonder at this man's misrepresenting dead men, when in this Letter he has so misrepresented my Letter to him that I do not know it again. I never said *I did not know how to trust books faithfully printed &c.*, but that Hearne printed from such faulty MSS. as that I did not know how to trust or depend upon his books, witness Sprot's Chronicon, Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle, &c. Nor did I say or write that *I and others have been offended with what he said truly of many great and deserving men, &c.*, but that they were offended with what he had said *falsly* of them; which is as clear and visible as the sun in his meridian brightness. J. Lewis.' Note by Hearne: 'Received Tuesday, Mar. 18, 1728. I represented Lewis's account truly, and I knew he would be angry, as he most certainly is. Tho. Hearne. The MSS. I used in Sprott, Robert of Gloucester, &c., are excellent good ones, and they were most faithfully published by me.'

Feb. 25, 1728. H. to Mr. Robert New, in Pump Court (Rawl. 28. 124, draft). The Black Book is finished, and shall be forwarded on receipt of the second half of his subscription.

Feb. 25, 1728. H. to Rev. John Ball, at the Oxford Arms, in Warwick Lane (Rawl. 28. 124, draft). The Black Book is finished, and Mr. Banner's copy shall be forwarded on receipt of the second half of his subscription.

Memorandum that Dr. Rawlinson desires that if I use any of the books that belonged to his brother, they may be mentioned as his (the Dr.'s) and not as his brother's.

The Dr. wants to know, in ^{wh} of my works I published the form of Bidding the Prayers temp. Ed. VI, and the Verses about St. Scholastica's affair. The first is in the Glossary to Rob. of Gloucester, & the second in the vith & ixth vol. of Leland's Itinerary, & the Preface to Rob. of Avesbury.

Feb. 26 (Wed.). Yesterday, called upon me Mr. Philip Stubs, B.D., archdeacon of St. Alban's. This person is a large, rawboned man, much ¹⁰ like the late Mr. David Jones. He hath published many things but they are poor and silly. He lately printed a sermon at the Theater in Oxford, a very ridiculous one, to shew the just right of the Brunswick Family to the Crown of England. He told me he wanted mightily to talk with me about the Abbey and Antiquities of St. Alban's, but would take another opportunity to do it. He said he was acquainted with Brown Willis, Esq., but that he gave him no satisfaction in what he enquired after with respect to that Affair.

Feb. 27 (Thur.). Mr. Wood makes Schidyard Street, now St. Mary Hall Lane, in Oxford, to be the same with *Sched-writers* street, as if the ²⁰ Librarians or scribes formerly lived here & for that reason might be termed *Sched-writers* or *Writers Row*. But I some time ago, I think, noted that it is the same with *Schildyard Street* & that therefore the schieldmakers formerly dwelt here.¹

Feb. 28 (Fri.). Last night Mr. Whiteside told me and others (and I think he had it from the present Earl of Oxford) that the late Earl of Oxford often talked that he would publish Domesday Book itself, and that in such a manner as to have the whole engraved on copper plates, with all the several abbreviations & very *ductus's* [*sic*] of the Letters. But this I look upon as a vain Proposal, the business of publishing being ³⁰ to make it as clear as can be, that is, to give the words at length, and the abbreviations only at such times, when such abbreviations may bear several significations, & even then, too, sometimes a note will be necessary. Were what his Lordship proposed followed in other books, viz. Livy, &c., we should have strange editions. Let an able faithfull man (that is skilled in abbreviations & hath honesty) undertake the Work, and give the Words at large in common Characters (unless it be where the signification is dubious) & he will deserve well of the learned World.

Mr. James Gibson being in Town yesterday, he told me his Wife, whose maiden name was Newton, died in October last. His Gram-⁴⁰matical Observations (printed at Litchfield's) is quite finished, he said, but not yet published. It seems it is against the alterations that have been made in Lilly's Grammar. He was told yesterday, by one that was with me that Lilly's Grammar is newly done at London with the corrections of all the Schoolmasters there, so as to be reduced to its first state, and

¹ But see above, p. 28.—Ed.

that Mr. Ainsworth was one of those that had done it. This seemed to trouble Mr. Gibson, as if his own Labour were now in vain.

March 1 (Sat.). Yesterday, being at Horspath, I saw an old stone Coffin, but broke, laying in the Church Yard. Mr. Spenser happening to ride by when I was looking on, I asked him whence it came. He said it was taken out of the Church lately, when they dug a Grave for his wife, she being buried in the very place where this Coffin lay.

March 2 (Sun.). Junii 15, 1709, Samuel Jebb Nottinghamiensis in schola publica de Mansfield institutus, annosque natus 15, examinatur, 10 approbatur, admittiturque in ordinem Sizatorum sub tutore & fidejussore Magistro Walter, Reg. Coll. S. Petri. Art. Bacc. ann. 1712, 13; whether he proceeded further is more than Mr. Baker knows.

Mr. Baker hath not met with Mr. Salmon's admission, but is told by his Tutor, Dr. Lunn, that he was admitted in Benet College about the year 1690, & that his Father was Rector of Mepshall com. Bedf. *I have no acquaintance* (saith Mr. Baker, Feb. 20, 1728) *with him, but am told he is of your Principles and mine.*

March 3 (Mon.). Mr. Baker hopes ere long to give me some account of the Consuetudinary of the Church of Norwich, in Bennet College, 20 Cambr., and of King's College Statutes, w^{ch} our friend (he says) Dr. Rawlinson has kept longer than he expected.

Mr. Baker knows nothing of a Monk of Glastonbury being Author of Brute of England. 'Might not', says he, 'your informer mistake him for a monk of St. Alban's, who (you know) has been said to be the Compiler of Caxton's Chronicle, not much varying from Brute of England.' Nor does he know any thing of Mr. York or remember him of St. John's College.

March 4 (Tu.). Mr. Reeves's Sermons, xii in number, are come out in 8^{vo}, but there is no Preface, nor no account of the Author, w^{ch} might 30 easily have been done, and I cannot but wonder at such an omission. But it seems Mr. Hiley, a schoolmaster of Reading, revised them and

March 1, 1728. H. to J. Murray (Rawl. 112. 241). Acknowledges the receipt of five guineas; also of 'one guinea I sent by you to Mr. Bateman, who cannot be prevailed with to take it'.

March 3, 1728. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 151). Has taken places in the Oxford coach for Wednesday sevensnight, and will call on H. the night he comes, 'but it will be late before we come, having women-kind with me.' Mr. Ballard has made great additions to his collections of coins, having travelled 1,500 miles searching after them.

March 3, 1728. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright (Rawl. 9. 56, *draft*). Has heard from Mr. Bedford, dated Feb. 27, that Mr. Gosling refuses to pay for the books [see letter of Feb. 17].

March 4, 1728. H. to [? Gordoun] (*draft*; Rawl. 111. 167). Has written to Sir Thomas Sebright twice, but has had no answer; does not know where he lodges in London. Thanks for £1 paid by Sir Philip Sydenham; 'you are very right in reserving 1s. yourself.' The Advertisement of Vita Ricardi II, which appeared in Fog's Journal, was wrongly worded, so that H. would rather

had the Care & Management thereof, and would not say any thing of the Author, knowing him to have been a very proud man, &c.

Mr. James Gibson's little 4^{to} book (printed at Leonard Litchfield's in Oxford) relating to Grammar is just come out. 'Tis entitled by him *Grammatical Exceptions*, weh is a very odd Title, as indeed the whole Book is very odd. 'Tis true there are several good Remarks in it, and so I told him a good while since, when he shewed it me in MS., but I then told him it ought to be wrote all anew and several Things to be omitted & others to be altered, but this he little regarded. For tho', at my suggestion, he did leave out his note or Observation in weh he had made 10 *Dorobernia* to be *Dover*, and was a long time positive that 'twas so (and I had a great struggle with him, to make sensible that 'twas Canterbury), yet he took no care in other things to consult his Reputation, but hath published a very ridiculous book, weh need not be wondered at, considering that he is crazed and very perverse, tho' when young he was a very good schoolmaster and got himself a good reputation on that account. He is withall an honest, religious man & very inoffensive, and on that account to be much respected. His second wife (whose maiden name was Newton) died in October last, aged at least threescore and ten. After I had formerly more than once cautioned him very freely about this 20 Book, he never afterwards either shewed it me or told me what he did in it, for fear (I suppose) that I should expostulate with him, tho' sometime since he did tell me in Oxford that he would dedicate it to the Convocation of both Provinces, but 'tis not dedicated to them, his brother, the Provost of Queen's Coll., having over-ruled that matter.

March 5 (Wed.). On the 20th of Feb. last, Mr. West saw my Lord Hartford, who told him that Mr. George, who formerly was at Oxford and engraved a Plate of a Roman Pavement found at Froxfield in Wiltshire, hath lately found the most perfect tessellated one that was ever seen, if it answers George's description. My Lord expected a drawing 30 of it.

What the said Pavement may be I know not. Nor can I think that it equals that found at Stunsfield.

Mr. West at the same time told me that he wrote *Guy* by mistake, instead of *Richard Beauchamp*, Earl of Warwick, when he told me of a fine MS. of John Ross's in the Cottonian Library.

On Saturday morning last died, of a dropsy, M^{rs}. Anne Brookland, the wife of Mr. John Brookland, of Sunningwell, near Abbingdon in Berks.,

have paid 5s. that it should not have been inserted at all. Further, there are two journals known as Fog's, one genuine and one spurious, and the advertisement appeared in the spurious one.

March 4, 1728. H. to E. Archer (Rawl. 1. 131, *draft*). Would be glad of the statute made in 1331 [see Diary, Mar. 17], though it is too late for the Black Book of the Exchequer, of which A. should already have received his copy, Mr. Tottenham having taken it and paid for it.

March 4, 1728. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 29). Returns the Depositio Ricardi II. 'I have paid the Carriage. The writs about the Oxford disturbance in Ed. III's time are fuller in some other MSS. than in that of Your late brother. Before I say more, I would willingly know what you are about, that you seem to be so earnest on this occasion.'

(brother of my printer Mr. Joseph Brookland), in the 40th year of her age. She died at Sunningwell and was very decently buried yesterday in the Church Yard of Drayton (near Abbingdon) in the same county, the place of her nativity. She was a clever, neat body and was handsome but proud. She hath left issue by her said husband only one child, a son, who is about 18 years of age. Her Maiden name was Tyrrel. She hath a brother a lawyer at Reading, a man of about 300 lbs. per an., who is now (I am told) undersheriff of Bucks. She hath left another brother, a rich wealthy Farmer at Kidlington near Woodstock. There was a
 10 funeral sermon, according to her desire, preached in Drayton Church. Her husband, Mr. John Brookland, is a man of very good understanding, and had a great affection for his wife, too much indeed, considering that by her pride she wasted his affairs in the matter of his farming Business. He doated so much upon her that he would hardly hearken to his Friends when they offered good advice, if it happened to thwart her inclinations, however so absurd.

To inquire of Mr. Lake of Chippenham, about a Roman Pavement found some years ago at Grittleton, in the Hundred of North Damerham, in Wilts., at wch time Mr. Hine of Merton Coll. was Rector there.

20 **March 6 (Thur.).** Mr. Jenner, A.B., Fellow of Brazennose Coll., is a Gentleman (whose brother is an Apothecary in London) something curious in Prints, and endeavours to make a collection that way.

Dr. Mill's Gr. Test. in Dr. John Friend's late auction, being bound in three volumes and of the best paper, sold for 5 lbs. 15 sh.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker something about the great difference at present in King's College, Cambridge.

The Assize being now in Oxford, this morning the Sermon on that occasion was preached at St. Marie's by Mr. Phanuel Bacon, Fellow of Magd. Coll.; the Judges are Judge Fortescue and Judge Probyn.

30 **March 7 (Fri.).** Yesterday Mr. Murroe, a Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, left that Place and is entered of Trinity College. He came to Edmund Hall from Cambridge, and might have done well at the Hall, were there any Trace of Discipline kept up there. He is a very good-natured Gentleman, but is something soft and very easily misled. Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, made him pay him five guineas before he would give him a Discessit, besides a Guinea more he extorted from him, pretending it to be for the Library. This is the same Dr. Felton that hath entered several of Edmund Hall (since he was Principal) without having any Discessit.

40 **March 8 (Sat.).** Mr. Anstis, finding by a citation of mine that I have a copy of New College Statutes, desires to borrow it for a very short time. I must tell him (what I must also to all that pretend to borrow books of me; for if I should lend to one I must to another) that being debarred the Bodleian Library, I am now confined to my own books, which I am every

March 6, 1728. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. I. 108). Wishes to borrow H.'s copy of New College statutes [see Diary, Mar. 8, 9, 10, 11].

minute using, and therefore desire to be excused from parting with any, even for so little a time as a minute.

He says the book I have lately printed (he means the Black Book of the Exchequer) was certainly copied from the present Red Book of the Exchequer. But this is a great mistake, and the quite contrary is very certain.

This afternoon, Mr. (commonly called Dr.) Salmon called upon me with Mr. Whiteside. He is a good sort of man & a Non-Juror and practiseth Physick, and for some Diversion, as well as support, he dives a little into Antiquities, tho' he is by no means a very good Antiquary. 10

I find that he is acquainted with Sir Thomas Sebright. But it seems Sir Thomas, since the death of Dr. Fowlkes, hath little or no regard to books, what he so much minded formerly at the Instigation and by the persuasion of Dr. Fowlkes, a Thing w^{ch} got Sir Thomas great Reputation.

March 9 (Sun.). I spent the evening yesterday with the foresaid Mr. Salmon, Mr. Whiteside, &c. Mr. Salmon hath but an indifferent opinion of the Roman tessellated Pavements, and thinks (very wildly) that many of them are of a late make, and do not come near the Roman times. 20

Mr. Antis saith he hath several things relating to the Barne bishop in the *Register of the Garter*, p. 308, &c. In his Letter to me of the 6th he calls this custom a foolery. He says he hath there shewn that it was observed in several Societies, where there had been no Cathedrals, that it was not only upon Innocents Day, but frequently upon St. Nicholas & other times, both in this kingdom & foreign parts. Here were also Barn Abbots, and what is memorable beyond sea a Pape des Fous. He hath likewise the Ecclesiastical Services performed beyond sea upon these occasions & several other particulars, which came to his knowledge since the time that he wrote that book. 30

Dr. Rawlinson, in his Letter from London of the 15th of Feb. last, tells me he could be glad I would use any of the MSS. that belonged to his late brother, with his restrictions. He says a year or less will determine their fate and matters, 'and transcripts' saith he 'such as you make, can never be useless'. [But such Restrictions I cannot come into, my hands being otherwise employed than to attend only those MSS.; so I had rather wave it.]

March 10 (Mon.). Mr. Salmon went from Oxford this morning for Hartfordshire, where he lives. His chief business here was to get off what copies he could of his Antiquities of Hartfordshire. 40

March 9, 1728. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 91). Knows nothing about Hen. Blanford beyond what is said in the Catalogue of the Scotch Historical Library. Sends extracts about *episcopus puerorum*.

March 10, 1728. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright (Rawl. 9. 56, draft). The books, which are ready to be delivered, may be obtained from either Mr. William Bedford or Mr. Robert Gordoun, who both lodge at Mr. Bettenham's, Printer, in St. John's Lane, near Hick's Hall, London. Writes to ask if Sir Thomas possesses a MS. of Josephus Monachus Eveshamensis, which was

He came to me yesterday, in the forenoon, a little before twelve of the Clock, and borrowed of me Plot's Natural History of Oxfordshire, wh^{ch} he returned in the evening. He said, it was to write out what Plot had said about Rollright stones. I told him Plot seemed to be right enough there as to the name, the word plainly shewing it to be the same with *Rollo rex*, and to have been put up in the Danish times; but I told him as to Stone Henge, History tells us it was British, and in my Preface to Peter Langtoft I have signified that the Britains [*sic*] might learn the art from the Romans. Mr. Salmon said he intended to make all this kind of stones
 10 British, wh^{ch} I look upon as a Paradox.

Mr. Antis believes that if I should hereafter make a Supplement to the Black Book from the Red Book, nothing would be more acceptable.

Mr. Antis hath a note in his *Register of the Garter* about Tully de Senectute translated by W^m Wyrcester, and he takes it to be the Book printed by Caxton 12 Aug., 1481. Mr. Murray hath this printed book, but it does not appear to me to be Wyrcester's translation.

March 11 (Tu.). Notwithstanding what is wrote above, upon second thoughts I lent Mr. Antis my MS. of New College Statutes, since he is so good a friend, and hath promised to return it safe within a very short
 20 time, which I have humbly desired may be done, and I have told him I would not have it shewed. I sent it him this day by Godfrey's Waggon.

Dr. Rawlinson hath at last found, amongst his late brother's books, Archbishop Williams's MSS. notes on Laud's Star Chamber speech, transcribed from the original by Sir Peter Pett, formerly of All Souls College, his secretary and executor, taken notice of by Sir Peter in his Memoirs of the Earl of Anglesey, and by Mr. Bedford in his excellent piece against *Priestcraft in Perfection*. At the end of it is a note by
 30 Pett, which puts all beyond doubt, so that, the original being now lost, this hath no price, saith Dr. Rawlinson, who fears St. John's Coll. in Cambridge have destroyed it, but this, tho' on grounds, he is unwilling to pronounce.

March 12 (Wed.). On Sunday last, after he had drunk his Coffee, Dr. Joseph Woodward, Fellow of Oriel College, Register of the Vice-Chancellour's Court and Official to the Archdeacon of Berks., was siezed very violently with the Epidemical Ague and Feaver, that hath raged

once in the library of Mr. Edward Lluyd. Would like to borrow it, to see if it throws any light on the work which H. is now publishing, the life of Richard II, by a monk of Evesham.

March 11, 1728⁸. T. Carte to H. (Rawl. 4. 30). Would be glad of a copy of the Black Book for the Marquis d'Aubais, with whom (when he last wrote) the Chevalier de Ramsay was staying.

March 11, 1728⁸. H. to [J. Antis] (Rawl. 110. 62). Denies that the Black Book is copied from the Red Book. Would like A.'s opinion about printing the *Acta Prelaturae* of John Whethamsted.

March 11, 1728⁸. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 143) [see Diary, Mar. 16].

March 12, 1728⁸. J. Antis to H. (Rawl. 1. 109). There is a volume of John Whethamsted at the Heralds' Office; thinks Mr. Rawlinson has another

(and continues to rage) so extremely for more than two years, and died the next day, being Mon., Mar. 10, at his house in New-Inn-Hall Lane, wh^{ch} he had purchased, and where he lived many years before he died. He took the degree of M.A. July 11, 1673, and that of B. & D.C.L. June 30, 1687; so that he was at least fourscore years old at his Death. He was a single man & had been very handsome. He was always very neat, and was a man of a pretty fair Character among several People. He hath been altogether in for about a year and an half, and hath not been a great while at the Vice-Chancellour's Court (but had a Deputy), being quite weary thereof, upon account of the abominable Corruptions¹⁰ & Villainies there, made use of both by Judge & Proctors,¹ and of their horrid Ignorance in the Law, Bouchier (the judge), as he hath no Law nor Honesty himself, so he loves to have Proctors that have as little. [He was buried in St. Marie's Church on Thursday afternoon, March 13.]

I am told the Earl of Oxford hath a MS. of Magd. College Statutes Oxon.

March 13 (Thur.). They have reprinted at London, the Tryal of Sir John Oldcastle by Bale, as they reprint there almost everything that they can get a penny by.

Nobody can tell what occasioned Mr. Lowe to drown himself (as I find²⁰ 'tis agreed he did) unless domestick troubles. It seems he had always taken the Oaths, so that I am told there can not be the least suspicion on that account. He had many good places, & his estate is between 11 & 12,000 lib^s., which would have daily increased had he lived. He was withall a man well beloved & of a very good fair Character. I am apt to think he hath been melancholy (I know not for what) for some time. For having wrote to him for something more than these last 12 months, about a particular business relating to my Friend the honourable Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., I never could get an answer, altho' I wrote to him again afterwards. Nay, tho' he went thro' Oxford last summer (what³⁰ I did not know till lately) yet he did not vouchsafe either to call upon me or to send to me; so that I cannot but think there was something very heavy upon him.

To ask Mr. Baker what he knows about the feast of St. Marie's church at Cambridge, namely what day it was kept. It should seem to have been the Sunday after the ii^d of July (Visit. B.M.V.), from what I can learn from the Author I am now printing of Ric. II's Life.

March 14 (Fri.). Dr. Rawlinson's collection of original Seals of forreign Convents &c. is judged to be the most singular, if not the largest, in Europe, and its first master had in Italian prepared an account of many⁴⁰

volume; and there is a volume of Whethamsted in the Cotton Library. 'If you know a boy of mine in Baliol, pray, if you admit such Urchins, remember me to him & give him some Instructions.'

Undated, but endorsed by Hearne, '1729'. B[enjamin] Cole to H. (Rawl. 4. 91). Asks of what college Otho Nicholson was, who 'founded the Condwite'.

¹ This does not mean the Proctors of the University. In the Vice-Chancellor's Court the barristers or counsel were called proctors.—Ed.

of them for the Press. The Dr. hath some design of bringing it to maturity. He hears the Earl of Oxford hath a mind to the Collection. But the Dr. designs to preserve them all together, if not for posterity, at least for his own use during his own Life.

On Wednesday last (Mar. 12th) died the widow Jenks, of St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxford, whose Husband, a glover of that parish, died several years ago. The said Mr. Jenks was a man that loved to talk much of Antiquities, particularly those relating to the said church of St. Peter, and when I was a young man he desired me to give him an account thereof, which accordingly I did. She was of a great age, as he was also.

On the same day died Mr. Hall, an attorney, at his house in New Inn Hall Lane, a man of no very good Character. He died but in mean circumstances & hath left a widow & several children. He was near threescore years of age. [Buried Thursday night, in St. Michael's church yard, Oxford.]

Yesterday died the widow York, at her house in St. Gyles's parish, Oxford. Her maiden name was Finch. Her husband died there several years ago, and was buried in the Parish Church of White Waltham, in 20 Berks., where she was buried also on Wed., Mar. 19, 1728.

March 15 (Sat.). Samuel Peploe, Bishop of Chester, hath published his Charge to his Clergy at his Primary Visitation, ^{wh}ch is a very poor, silly & ridiculous one, but as good as may be expected from an illiterate knave. He speaks against Roman Catholicks and Non-Jurors and other honest men, with a great deal of malice, and would fain seem (what he is not) a pious, good man.

Mr. Clarke, a Farmer & Malster of Littlemore, near Oxford, tells me he is in the 53^d year of his age. He was Tenant to my late friend Mr. Thomas Kimber of Hollywell, and he still lives in the same house.

30 Mr. Spenser of Horspath told me this afternoon that he is 54 years old this next 28th of March.

Sir Philip Sydenham mightily wants the printed Catalogue of Magd. Hall Library. I had it formerly, but I lent it many years ago to Mr., now Dr., Richard Rawlinson, who never returned it. I know not where to get another.

March 16 (Sun.). Yesterday, in Convocation, at 2 Clock in the afternoon, Mr. Wm Jorden of Pembroke Coll. was elected by the Univ. of Oxford rector of Odstocke in com. Wilts. (^{wh}ch belongs to a Roman Catholick Family, the Webbs) in opposition to Mr. Crawford of Balliol 40 Coll.

Silas Taylor's Antiquities of Harwich &c. in Essex, with many Additions by Mr. Dale (who hath got vast collections for that whole county) is in the Press. So Mr. West tells me. Who this Mr. Dale is, I know not.

March 17 (Mon.). Dr. Archer, in his Letter to me dated at Wells Jan. 15, 1728, tells me that he wishes their books at Wells had afforded him the pleasure of giving me any account of the custom of electing an *episcopus puerorum*; but there is not the least mention of such a little gentleman in any one of them.

He says, they have a statute made in April 1331, which forbids all sports, plays and theatrical diversions to be used in the cathedral between Christmas day and the octaves of the holy Innocents, which were used by the vicars and clerks of the church at that time, but it saith nothing of the chorister bishop and his canons.

He fancies, if that custom were thoroughly examined as to its original, its first use was owing to the *libertas Decembrica*, indulged to all persons of the lowest station at that time of year; but this (he says) is only a conjecture of his, founded upon this statute of their church & some others in England and abroad.

'Tis certain there was such a custom at Wells, as appears from the Communars' accounts, the oldest of which remaining at Wells is dated 1327, & in that there is this article in the yearly expenses: *In communa episcopi Innocentium et canonicorum suorum ii s. ix d.* The next is in 1343, in which is thus expressed: *In communa parvi episcopi et canonicorum suorum ii s. ix d.* The same style is continued in the rest of the communars' accounts to 1539, which is the last, with this addition of the distribution of the money, viz. *Episcopo viii d., cuilibet canonico ii d., communiario i d., in toto ii s. ix d.*

If the copy of the above-mentioned statute will be acceptable to me, the Dr. will very readily send it me.

In my answer to him, Mar. 4, I told him 'twould be acceptable to me, as all valuable pieces of antiquity are.

March 18 (Tu.). Dr. Rawlinson tells me that he thinks he may now say the new edition of Matthew Parker is at the conclusion, Dr. Drake, the editor, being on the Preface.

He says my reflexion (in my Ed. of the Black Book of the Exchequer) on Norden has caused some disturbance at London from his patrons

March 18, 1728. H. to Rev. T. Carte (Carte MS. 227. 178). Sends two copies of the Black Book; is sorry no more can be spared. Has entered the Marquis d'Aubais for *Vita Ricardi II.*

March 18, 1728. B. L. Calvert, Maryland, to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 204). 'You cannot expect from me in this Unpolished part of the Universe any Entertainment worthy your consideration; Antiquities we have none; Learning is scarce known here; our Conversation runs on planting Tobacco and such other improvements of trade, as neither the Muses inspire, nor Classic Authors treat of.

'Wee have had here of late a Printing house set up, which I have encouraged with as much Countenance from the Government as possible. Wee have printed our Body of Laws, and I herewith send you one of our first issue of the press, a Translation of the *Muscipula* by one Lewis, a schoolmaster here who formerly belonged to Eaton, a man really of Ingenuity, and to my Judgment well versed in Poetry. Wee have here settled a fund for a free school in the several 12 Counties, which have mostly masters, but I think the Province too young for such a separated Scituation of Studies; I would rather the funds appropriated for these 12 schools were settled on our two older foundations, viz. on a free school here at Annapolis and at Oxford, a convenient Town over our Bay. I should then hope for some real success of Education amongst us; two schools well provided of Masters were better than 12 indifferently suited with one each, and inconvenient for Scholars, there being no Towns or accommodations for Boarding Scholars, where those 12 Schools are fixed.

and admirers. He says Essex by Norden is under consideration. NB. the Dr. himself is concerned in these things of Norden, but he had not considered that Norden was a Puritan 'till I discovered it.

At the same time (viz. in his Letter from London of Feb. 17, 1728) he told me he heard there was in the Press an alphabetical Catalogue of the Duke of Kingston's Library, of w^{ch} very few were to be printed, and none for the publick. It contains many good printed books and several valuable MSS.

'For my own part (as wee have already made the best provision for a regular Clergy, and Learning, of any Colonies in America) I shall be very desirous to see a real foundation for literature, well and prosperously established during my Government.

'Some short Description of this Province, wherein I am settled for some time, may not be disagreeable to my Curious friend. This Province, first seated by the Charges of my Great Grandfather, Caecilius L^d Baltimore, in 1633, is now by the blessing of God become both fruitfull and populous. We are, I reckon, 80,000 souls, Whites and Negroes, exclusive of Indians. The Extent of our Province about 120 miles each way, Latitude and Longitude. Our model of government, after that in England, myself Representative of the King and L^d Proprietary, with the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, Executing Legislation, as King, Lords, and Commons in England; our Courts of Justice resembling, as near as may be, those in England. Wee have about 36 parishes at present, whose Incumbencies one with another is [*sic*] at least 150 pounds per annum each, often much better, as our Staple, Tobacco, rises or falls in Value. We are in some expectation of a Bishop to be settled amongst us, to supervise the Clergy, which I should be glad to have; for some Ecclesiastical discipline is necessary amongst them, and I have been hitherto very forbearing of temporal or civil power, least [*sic*] I should indulge an Example to others, who might not proceed with that tenderness and deference to the Clergy, as myself am well Inclined. Our Clime is very hot in Summer and equally cold in Winter; but as the Woods by cultivation are cleared, the air becomes more wholesome. As for the Indians, natives and ancient Inhabitants here, I have made as frequent Conversations with them as opportunity has offered; they are a close, sullen people, reserved to themselves, little communicative of any thing but when drunk, and then so Unintelligible and given to lying that little dependance is to be had on their relations; but I have found so much Analogy between their language and our European Dialects, and between some of their Notions and ours, in some particular Maxims of Religion and Government, such a Conformity, that my Curiosity is fully bent on further Enquiries, the success whereof I shall with much pleasure impart to my Good friend M^r. Hearne.

'Thus far, Dear Sir, have I entertained you with an imperfect and Idle relation of these parts, which I hope time will Enable to compleat in a more perfect History of these parts, which I design for the World, if my Abilities or opportunities fall not too short. What I have now wrote is only for private amusement of yourself and friends; the Publick shall be hereafter obliged, if I am capable of it.

'I remember you desired of me, on my leaving England, to know after what style to insert me in your subscription list, which, if you please, may be as follows: *The Honourable B. L. C., Governour of the Province of Maryland in America.* Present my sincere respects to M^{rs}. Lehunte, Colley and White-side, if alive and at Oxford. I should have wrote to M^r. Lehunte, but as I hear he has left Oxford and know not where he may be settled. Direct my Books as usual to M^{rs}. Lowe at Westminster, and rest assured of my remaining with

March 19 (Wed.). The farther part of X^t Ch. meadow (we^{ch} is in Berkshire) is in the parish of St. Aldate, Oxford, and the Tithes (as I take it) of right belong to the Minister of St. Aldate's.

Browne Willis, Esq., being in Oxford, he spent the evening with us last night in Cat Street. He speaks much against Mr. Salmon's Antiquities of Hartfordshire, as a Thing extracted & epitomized (tho' he says but very poorly and injudiciously) from Sir Henry Chauncy. Yet I think it better done than Mr. Willis's own performances, I mean where Mr. Willis hath been left to himself; for as for the View of the Mitred Abbeys in Leland, particular care was taken by some body else to have it well done. 10

A friend of Dr. Rawlinson's, at Bologna in Italy, writes word that he has purchased a collection of 2,800 brass medals, Roman and Grecian, 1,000 of which are, he says, of the large brass, the rest of the common size. They belonged to the noble family of Hercolani, whom the Dr. remembers in his travels.

March 20 (Thur.). Mr. Graves, of Mickleton in Gloucestershire, came to Oxford on Tuesd. night last and went for London this morning. He told us last night (Mr. Willis being one of the company) that his son of University College (who designs to study Physick) is twenty years old.

Mr. Graves told me last night that Mr. Ballard, the taylour of Camp- 20 den, hath improved his stock or collection of coins to a prodigious degree.

The transporting books from beyond sea is a vast charge at the Custom House in England. No country but England knows a Tax on learning. The doctrine of Naples, broached by the Emperor Charles V, is *Libri sint liberi*, and that in a Country fertile of taxes.

One Mr. Berkeley has published a draught of a Bath, built in the Imperial palace *temp. Augusti Imp.* with an explication. Dr. Rawlinson informs me of this; but he says, if the man has as little skill as something else, he shall little regard it. He was protestant domestick chaplain at Rome, when Dr. Rawlinson was there. Should he come ever to 30 Oxford, the Dr. advises me to be cautious. He speaks this as the vogue of the World at London. He is of a nation (says the Dr.) *whom Cleveland has celebrated not for their honesty.*

Mr. Willis told us that King's Walden¹ in Hartfordshire belonged to the Priory of Merton in Surrey, and he said it was so in the Registers of Lincoln, we^{ch} Registers, however, he said he had not seen.

great Esteem, Dear Sir, Your sincere friend and very Humble Servant, Benedict Leonard Calvert. Annapolis, the Capital of Maryland; March 18th, 1728^g.

[Endorsed by Hearne: 'Received Sunday night, June 22nd, 1729, by Post, which with the Book inclosed cost me 3s. 6d.']

March 20, 1728^g. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 15. 125). Sends the description of a medal of the Emperor Severus. Sends an epitaph composed by Mr. Dalby, who married one of the Finches; he was quite crazed. Suggests that H. is wrong in the Black Book, and that Weteleia should be identified with Witley, near Reading, not Wadley. Presents him with two books of sermons.

¹ King's Walden was the cure of Mr. Whiteside. He seems to have had rooms in Cat Street, and probably this remark was made there.—Ed.

March 21 (Fri.). Mr. Willis was again with us last night in Cat Street, when Mr. Samuel Parker, &c. was also there. Mr. Willis always talks of his own Performances, w^{ch} are (excepting his View of the Mitred Abbies in Leland) meer Rhapsodies. He usually takes any thing upon trust, and runs thereby into thousands of errors, w^{ch} he takes little or no care to correct.

Mr. Henry Wharton, tho' a very learned man, yet wanted that Integrity as Archbp. Sancroft and many expected from him, and for that reason the suffering men esteemed him much less than they otherwise would
10 have done, w^{ch} when he considered, it struck much upon his spirits.

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March 23, 1723^g (Sun.). Fog's Journal, March 22, 1723^g.

The University of Cambridge has purchased all Dr. Woodward's fossils for £1,000, he having bequeathed those that were foreign, to the said University by Will.

Mr. Thomas Wagstaffe, son of the late famous Mr. Thomas Wagstaffe, is about putting out the Lives of William of Wickham and Archbishop Chichely in English. So Mr. Parker acquainted us 'tother night, he having had a Letter from Mr. Wagstaffe on that subject.

March 24 (Mon.). Mr. Loveday, in a Letter from Caversham,
20 where he now is, March 20, 1723^g, sends me the following odd epitaph from a stone in St. Gyles's churchyard in Reading, w^{ch} was put up 5 or 6 years since. The author Mr. Edward Dalby, who was then quite crazed. This Mr. Dalby I remember. He married M^{rs}. Joanna Finch, the youngest of five sisters, the eldest of w^{ch} was married to my late never to be forgotten friend, Francis Cherry, Esq.

[Epitaph omitted.]

March 25 (Tu.). What Mr. Ward, of Warwick, told me about W^m Winslow's account of Oxford was mistake, it being only Miles Windsor's Collections in Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Library, & what Mr. Ward's Friend hath
30 are only extracts from them, and those Windsor had from Ross, *De regibus*, w^{ch} book I have printed, & what is preserved of some other pieces of Ross in Leland's Itinerary, w^{ch} I have also printed.

This afternoon, meeting with Dr. Holdsworth, of St. John's College,

March 22, 1723^g. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 62). Sends from a MS. a catalogue of the works of Ross, nine in number. A friend has a short account by Ross of 'Creeklade' School. At Coventry School is a MS. containing *Liber de regimine principum*, Occleve's *Complaint*, some of Chaucer, &c.

March 22, 1723^g. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 110). Returns the copy of the Statutes of New College. 'Our books' relate the knighthood of Sir Thomas Clayton on March 27, 1661, but do not mention his country. This would best be found by his Matriculation.

March 25, 1723^g. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 13) [see Diary, March 28].

I mentioned to him Mr. Lewis, of Margate in Kent. He said he became acquainted with him accidentally, by the means of Mr. Richard Wilkin, of London, bookseller. He told me that he is (and 'tis most certainly true) a most vile Fellow, a great Pimp to the archbishop of Canterbury (as all such Fellows are) Dr. Wake, that he is hated by all the true orthodox men, clergy and others, that he pretends to establish a new Reformation, & is a mighty zealot for Charity Schools, Reformation of Manners, &c., that he is a most silly, foolish, pragmatistical, busy man, worthy of no good man's esteem, & that, among other things, he wrote against that great man, Mr. Johnson, author of *Vade mecum*, who was ¹⁰ pleased to lash him afterwards very severely on that score.

March 26 (Wed.). Archbp Wake's translation of the Apostolical Fathers into English is wretchedly done, shewing the author to be very unskillful in the originals, and to be (what I always took him to be) but a mean scholar. Mr. Samuel Parker told me last night he hath found this to be very true upon examination.

I fear also that Mr. Reeves's translation into English of the Apologists is as wretched, since Mr. Parker also told me last night, that he found in no more than twenty lines of his translation of Minutius Felix at least four very gross mistakes, shewing plainly that he did not understand the ²⁰ Original.

Mr. Loveday, in his letter of March 20, takes notice that Weteleia in the Black Book, p. 182, which I explain by Wadley, is nigher to Witley, an Hamlet partly in the parish of St. Gyles's in Reading, and partly in the parish of Shinfield. NB. I had Witley in my view, but I thought it belonged rather to the Abbey of Reading than that of Abbingdon.

He says he was in hopes the Black Book would have satisfied him in the spelling of a Place in Norfolk, ^{wh} he finds it does not so much as mention. In Adams's Villare Anglicum 'tis called Barton Blendish, but in a fragment of a Charter, ^{wh} Mr. Loveday shewed me, Berton ³⁰ Bendyche; this Charter was drawn in Edward III's time. 'Tis called Barton Blendish in Speed in his Table, but in the map barely Berton.

March 27 (Thur.). There was printing at Greenwich *temp.* Hen. VIII. Old Mr. Beckford (father to the late Mr. Beckford) of Wolvercote, near Oxford (a Paper Maker) had a Book printed there, as I find by some MSS. Remarks of the late Dr. Plot, but what it was or what became of it, I know not. I have wrote this day to Mr. Loveday at Caversham to take notice, if he should meet with any books printed there, as also if he meets with any tradition relating to the family of the Beauchamps, particularly to Richard Beauchamp, the famous Earl of ⁴⁰ Warwick, who lived at Caversham sometimes, and his will bears date there Aug. 8, 1437, 15 Hen. VI, not 1435, as in Dugdale's Warwickshire and Baronage.

March 26, 1729. Gilbert Lake to H. (Rawl. 7. 147). As soon as the rent from his tenant at Headington is due, he will order him to pay three guineas to H. for the Black Book [see Letter, May 9].

March 27, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 144) [see Diary, March 29 and 30]. Has recently been with Mr. Murray at Sacomb.

March 28 (Fri.). Tho' Mr. Baker hath seen their old Book at St. Mary's at Cambridge, & hath made some enquiry in the Parish, yet he cannot find when their Feast day was kept. It has not (he believes) been observed since the Reformation.

The Dispute at King's College at Cambridge [see Diary March 6] was about one Mr. Dale, a good while ago expelled his Fellowship of that College, for reflecting very impudently and saucily in a set speech there upon K. Charles I, &c., as if that good king was justly beheaded. He sues for Restoration. A lawsuit commences, who is Visitor, whether the
 10 King or the Bp of Lincoln. 'Tis carried for the Bp, who hath restored Mr. Dale. Upon w^{ch} Mr. Baker, in his letter of the 25th, writes thus: 'It must be presumed Mr. Dale was guilty of no fault, for the Visitor did not think fit to pass the least Censure upon him or to give him the least Admonition; but, notwithstanding his innocence, I am told he has left the College in a distracted Condition.'

March 29 (Sat.). The MS. in the Cotton Library of the Acts of Richard Beauchamp, E. of Warwick, is a most beautifull Book, & Mr. West tells me, in a Letter of the 27th from London, that the Drawings are as fine as he thinks he ever saw. It consists of 28 large Leaves on
 20 Vellum, on each side whereof is finely depicted the Actions of his Life in a chronological order, & the History of the Book is only two or three lines over each picture, declaring what it represents. So that (says Mr. West) the Drawings must be all engraved, should the History (w^{ch} is short and entirely relative to them) be ever printed. It would then be a beautifull tho' (if done answerable to the original) an expensive Work.

Hence I find now, that what I before guessed is true, that Dugdale hath exhausted the whole & printed all he judged proper in it. Dugdale, neither in his Baronage nor in his Antiquities of Warwickshire, calls it Ross's. Nor do I know how it comes to pass that it hath been ascribed
 30 to Ross.

March 30 (Sun.). However, upon consulting the MS. of Dugdale in the Mus. Ashm., in w^{ch} he hath given us the argument of every Picture in the said Cott. MS., I found yesterday that he expressly there ascribes it to Ross, and so does Dr. Smith in his Catalogue of the Cotton Library. For w^{ch} reason I shall also call it Ross's.

Dr. Woodward's shjeld sold for 100 guineas, his other antiquities and curiosities sold cheap. Mr. West bought a pretty great number, w^{ch} he designs in time to communicate to me.

March 31 (Mon.). Yesterday was found in the afternoon in Xt
 40 Church great Quadrangle in the Fountain a dead male child, not known yet whose it was, or who threw it there, but without doubt it was murdered. [The Coroner sat at 8 Clock that evening. It was buried near the Cloysters, but not in consecrated ground. The Jury brought it in murder.]

Yesterday died Dr. Joshua Lasher at his House in Oxford. He took the degree of M.A. as a member of St. John's College, March 22, 1672;

March 29, 1729. Tho. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11, 64) [see Diary, April 11]. Thanks for Mr. Bagford's picture,

that of B.M., May 11, 1676; and that of D.M., Dec. 17, 1679. Upon the death of Dr. Code, of All Souls Coll., he became Deputy Regius Professor of Physick of the Univ. of Oxford for Dr. Thomas Hoy, who lived beyond sea, & at length was Regius Professor in his own right and died in that Post. He was formerly looked upon as an ingenious Man. He hath written and published one or two Things in his Faculty.

The person that bought Dr. Woodward's Shield was one Captain Vincent. Quære who this Captain Vincent is?

Last week died Dr. Ballam of Wadham College, at his lodgings at Mrs. Pierse's in Holywell, and was buried at Wadham College in the 10 Chappel on Thursday night, March 27. He was a man that bore a good character with Dr. Girdler, &c.

April 1 (Tu.). Yesterday morning the Foundation Stone at Oriel College was laid for the New Building there for the Provost, between the College and St. Mary Hall.

John Ross, being well-skilled in painting, I am apt to think a great many Things (viz. Illuminations) of that age were done by him, tho' the several Paintings or Illuminations do not bear¹ his name.

April 2 (Wed.). Leland, in his Itin., vol. ii, p. 3, hath these words: *From Sunning to Reading 2 miles. There is a Park cumming into Reading 20 Town, longging to the late monasterie there.* Mr. Loveday hence collects that this Park was in the Road from Sunning to Reading, Leland mentioning the Park immediately after he tells us the Distance from Sunning to Reading. And this conjecture he thinks confirmed from what a Friend told him, that an old Gardiner's Wife assured him that her father remembered those two fields which lead to the Gallows (now called Watlington's fields, from the person they belong to) full of Trees, as were all the Grounds upwards as far as Early. On this side Lady Riche's House at Sunning there's a place called Sunning Park, but Mr. Loveday notes that this is not what we are looking after. 30

For my own part I am apt to think that 'twas Whitley Park.

April 3 (Thur.). On Tuesday last died of a lingering Consumption one Mr. Russhe, a French Hugonot or Refugee, at his House opposite to the Theater in Oxford. This Person, who had served as an Ensign in the Guards formerly to the Prince of Orange, commonly called K. William the third, came to Oxford many years ago, at least thirty, and printed a French Grammar; he taught young Gentlemen the French Tongue for a subsistence, at web time he was but in mean Circumstances. But marrying a rich Wife (and since another, for he hath had two wives) he got Wealth, bought his Freedom of the City, kept a millener's shop, 40

April 3, 1729. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 19. 66). Is unable to give any information about Sir Thomas Clayton except when the knighthood was conferred upon him. As for Anthony Wood's Diary, he obtained it by exchange with Mr. Dale, and afterwards gave it to Lord Oxford. Having purchased a few pamphlets from the executors of Sir Peter Petts, he found in one of them two or three long letters of Wood, relating to his prosecution upon the

¹ bare, MS.

& was much caressed by some sort of People, whom he used to wheedle and flatter. He was buried tonight in Magd. parish Church, Oxon., of ^{wh} parish he was. He was formerly one of the Bayliffs of the City of Oxford.

April 4 (Good Friday). Yesterday died Mr. Dully, by trade a carpentar, Clarke of the parish of Hallywell in Oxford, aged 76. He hath held this place of being Clark a great many years.

April 5 (Sat.). Yesterday I was (in my walk) in Horspath Church, and saw the old Figures of Mother London and her husband in the wall
 10 by the Belfry, not without side (as I formerly had it from Mr. Spenser) but within side of the church. The Husband hath Bagpipes in his Arms. The Clark (whose name is Smith) said they built the Tower, but Mr. Spenser formerly told me they built the whole church, and so I have heard others say. I think this church was built about the year 1432. In one of the south windows of the Chancel in painted glass is the date 1499, whence I gather that the Chancel was glazed that year.

Mr. Thomas Farr, who was lately Rector of Long Wittenham in Berks., but lived here at Horspath (he having bought the Parsonage of Horspath) left at his death (^{wh} happened a few years since) six children
 20 behind him, his wife dying before him, viz. three sons and three daughters, all ^{wh} are living. He was a very plain, near, wary man, and tho' the Rectory of Wittenham was a very good Thing and his rents at Horspath about fourscore libs. per an., yet his children being wild and extravagant, he having not taken good care of their Education, he died but poor. The eldest daughter proved a whore, and being with child she afterwards married a poor man, servant to a collier. The other two Daughters also proved little better.

From Fog's Journal for April 5, 1729:—

Dr. Wilmot, Son-in-Law to Dr. Mead, is made Physician to St. Thomas's
 30 Hospital, in the room of Dr. Cotesworth, who has resigned.

On Friday, March 28, between 4 and 5 in the Afternoon, the steeple and great Part of the parish church of Ealing in Middlesex fell down, and broke several Tomb Stones in the Church Yard. The Clerk was to have rung the Bell at four for a Funeral, but going to Brentford was happily prevented in his Return as he designed.

April 6 (Easter Sunday). Dr. Marten, who came with Mr. Russell to Oxford last X^{tmass}, is by many at London judged to be one of the best Botanists of not only his, but the present age. So Dr. Rawlinson, in his Letter to me of Jan. 22 last, in ^{wh} he said Mr. Russell and this
 40 Dr. Marten both deserve well of us, as if Dr. Marten were also a Non-juror.

Dr. Freind's books sold high, particularly the Oxford Editions. Part of these books were once the property of Cowley, descended to Sprat, and bought by the Dr. of Sprat's executors. In them were several MSS.

character of Lord Clarendon. Mr. Dale, then one of the Titular Heralds, offered me Wood's Diary to 1672 in exchange. How Mr. Dale obtained it, he never heard. Has been told some of the MS. has been printed by one to whom he lent it, but has not been given a copy.

notes by all three, particularly a fine character of the present Duke Wharton by the last in an Edition of Tully, presented him by the Duke, ^{wh} Character being printed in some of the publick papers, Dr. Rawlinson did not send it me, nor indeed have I as yet got it. There were two Stanzas of Sapphicks in a Caesar's Commentaries, sent by the late Mr. Anthony Alsop to the Dr. as a present.

April 7 (Mon.). Dr. Rawlinson at the same time told me that Mr. Anstis was then very busy about his book, to prove himself and his Family to be of kin to Chichley, archbishop of Canterbury and Founder of All Souls College, and that it will not only be a piece of Learning but ¹⁰ done with great pomp; art letters, ornaments, & genealogies, &c., in copper, make a great part of it, and he hears ten only are designed.

The Dr. then told me Dr. (he means Mr.) Salmon's character as a man of honour is known, that he was a Cantabrigian, is in double orders (tho' he goes in lay habit) relinquished for conscience, and now practices Physick. The Dr. says his (Mr. Salmon's) Hartfordshire is, he fears, mostly from Chauncey with a continuation, that the World speaks better of his smaller pieces on the Roman Roads, that the defect of Indexes to his Works is unpardonable, and that for it he has suffered much in his reputation.

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April 8 (Tu.). From Mr. Francis Taylor, Fellow of Univ. Coll.: 'To his Grace the D. of N., one of his Majesty's Principal Secretary's [*sic*] of State, the memorial of Ch. E. of Arran, Chancellour of the Univ. of Oxon., sheweth That the Right of Visitation of the College called University College in Oxford has time out of mind been exercised by the University of Oxon. or their Delegates, the true and undoubted Visitors of the said College without any Interruption: That your Memorialist is informed that Tho. Cockman, A.M., is about to apply to his Majesty to be admitted or appointed Master of the said College upon Pretence that the Right of Visitation is in his Majesty. Your Memorialist therefore in ³⁰ behalf of the University of Oxon. prays your Grace that no admission of a Master may be granted untill notice be given to your Memorialist that the University may have an opportunity of trying their Right of Visitation of the said College. Cancellarius, Magistri et Scholares totam suam Visitationem Authoritatem sive Jurisdictionem, debita Juris forma, perpetuo delegaverunt Cancellario, Doctoribus et Procuratoribus.'

April 9 (Wed.). The said memorial is what my Lord Arran gave in, upon the Decision in Westminster Hall, that the King is Visitor of University College; and tho' Dr. Shippen and others endeavoured that the University should commence a suit, yet it was stopped, the Majority ⁴⁰ of Doctors hindering the Letter my Lord Arran sent for that end from being brought into the Convocation House.

Yesterday, Mr. Ballard, the taylor of Campden in Gloucestershire, called upon me, and shewed me several old Coins of very good value that he had picked up, one of ^{wh} was a copper one of Albinus of the bigger

April 9, 1729. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 7. 181) [*see* Diary, April 27].

April 9, 1729. Rev. Tho. Allen to H. (Rawl. 1. 26) [*see* Diary, June 17].

size, a bigger one in copper of Philip the elder, for w^{ch} he said he gave five shillings, & he said both of them were found at Cirencester, besides many others. He said he had got a silver Otho for w^{ch} a Gentleman had offered him 5 libs., but he said he would not take under 10 libs., but yet he said 'twas dubious. I have a silver one myself. Silver ones are rare, but 'tis the Copper ones that are of that great scarceness, as I can not pretend to have ever seen a genuine one, that of the Earl of Abbington's (w^{ch} I saw formerly in Dr. Stratford's hands) being to me *suspectae fidei*.

Mr. Ballard said he had got Caius's Antiquities of Cambridge (with 10 Caius's Hist. of Cambridge with it) in 4^{to}, to w^{ch} are added many MSS. notes, for w^{ch} he gave half a Crown.

This Ballard does little or nothing at his Trade, but rambles about after Coins & endeavours to make a perfect series of the Roman ones. He lives chiefly upon his Mother.

Remember to ask Mr. Graves, what he thinks of the Picture that Mr. Ballard hath of Catherine of Arragon, Hen. VIIIth's first Queen. Mr. Ballard saith there is some little damage, otherwise Mr. Canning, a Roman Catholick, said it would be worth 10 Guineas, but that as it is it is worth, according to Mr. Canning, 5 Guineas.

20 A Cambridge Gentleman told me to-day that Dr. Bentley's Picture was drawn *anno* 1712, *aetatis* 48, and that the Dr. was entered of that University very young.

April 10 (Thur.). A little Paper of four pages in 8^{vo} is printed in London intit. *Viri Eruditissimi Theophili Downes A.M. Coll. Balliol. Oxon. olim socii, de Clypeo Woodwardiano stricture breves*. Dr. Rawlinson hath given me this Paper. The *stricture* rather confirm, than make me think the worse of, those that have wrote for the Shield. All the objections I have often heard in common talk before, and they have been well obviated and judged to be of no great moment. Indeed, the Publication 30 of these *stricture* is not for the Credit of Mr. Downes's posthumous Reputation. Mr. Downes was a Non-Juror and a very worthy man, and capable of doing things of much greater consequence.

Dr. Rawlinson tells me that all seem to agree that the shield is bought back by the Executour, who, according to the Doctor, is much concerned at the censures the World are pleased to put on it. But for my part, I can see no reason that he should be concerned at all.

The Dr. says, Dr. Woodward's books sold well, that many of the engraved stones were good & went dear, but the antiquities for nothing as it were. Mr. West purchased a good quantity for a Guinea. There 40 were no Medals.

The Dr. says, amongst his Brother's MSS. is a MS. found, containing Characters of all the great men during the times of William, Anne, &c.,

April 10, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 30). Thanks for the Catalogue and for Mr. Downes's *Stricture breves*. All the objections have been well obviated before; but Mr. Downes was a worthy man and capable of things of greater consequence. Would like to see the MS. containing the characters of the great men in the late reign. Mr. Crynes thinks of publishing Busbequius's Epistles, but will no doubt write to R. about it.

wrote in a most polite and not very partial manner. Of it (he says) there is one Copy & the original, both in Sir Joseph Jekyl's hands, a relation to the Somers family.

He hath put out another Auction Catalogue of his Brother's Books, in ^{wh}ch is another Matt. Parker of the 1st Ed., concerning ^{wh}ch the Dr. writes thus: 'Our last Matthew Parker now takes his fate. I am told there is a latent Commission of 50 lbs. for it from France, but I hope England will not lose such a treasure, tho' I can't well afford to be the master of it.'

April 11 (Fri.). Mr. Ward tell me, in his Letter from Warwick of ¹⁰ Mar. 29, 1729, that in a MS. of A. Wood's, Ross's Account of the Earls of Warwick is called the Genealogy of the Earls of Warwick. He wishes *Walter of Exeter* and Ross's *Antiquitates Clivi Guidonici* were still exstant, to convince us of the reality of such a person as Guy; whose statue indeed is exhibited, as it now stands in the Chappel, by Sir William Dugdale in his Hist. of Warwickshire; but then the two other Gyants were painted on the Wall (as Mr. Ward takes it) since his time; and perhaps from some Drawings of Rouse's left there, for the Figures are not unlike those in his MS. 'Tis pitty, he says, they are not better preserved.

He says, his Friend will be at Oxford very soon, when he promises to ²⁰ communicate all his MSS. to me, particularly Miles Windsore's, who is not so despicable as Wood makes him. For his Collections were of no small use to him, as may appear from his Hist. & Antiq. Oxon.

April 13 (Sun.). The four Easter Sermons this year before the Univ. were preached (1) on Good Friday by Mr. Bateman of X^t Ch. at X^t Ch.; (2) on Easter day at St. Peter's in the East by Mr. Wallis of Magd. Coll.; (3) on Easter Monday by Mr. Stephens of Magd. Coll.; (4) on Easter Tuesday by Mr. Bowles of Magd. Coll., ^{wh}ch Mr. Bowles was the Repeater to day of all the said four Sermons at St. Marie's, but he did it scandalously, being hardly three quarters of an hour in the ³⁰ Pulpit.

Mr. Crynes, Superior Beadle of Arts, told me on Thursday last, that he had 12 or 14 Guineas for giving the Physicians inserted in the new Ed. of the Catalogue of Graduates, an Edition ^{wh}ch is full of gross omissions and mistakes, and is ascribed to Crynes, tho' he cares not to own the Edition.

Mr. Crynes hath some design of putting out a new Ed. of Busbequius's Epistles with additions of Epistles not yet printed, or at least omitted in several Editions.

Tryvytlam, who wrote *De laude Universitatis Oxonie*, was an Oxford man. I never saw this piece, but in a MS. lent me very lately by Roger ⁴⁰ Gale, Esq. 'Tis in verse. The MS. contains many other Things & was written *temp.* Hen. VI. Tryvytlam was a Minor Fryer of Oxford. It is levelled against the Monks, particularly three famous ones that had been at Oxford, viz. (1) Sene or Shene, monk of Glastonbury, whom he repre-

April 12, 1729. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 253). Acknowledges subscriptions.

April 13, 1729. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 77) [see Diary, April 19 and 20].

sents as a very great Villain, quite the reverse of one Swynished, another monk of Glastonbury ; (2) John, abbat of Parco Luda or Louth Park, a Cistercian Abbey in Lincolnshire ; (3) Outrede, monk of Durham.¹

April 14 (Mon.). The MS. Mr. Ward of Warwick's friend hath of Miles Windsore's consists of about 90 pages in 4^{to} & is pretty entire. Mr. Ward's friend told him it was copied from a MS. of M. Windsore's by Mr. Wood, and that it hath many things in relation to the Name, Foundation, and other particularities of the origin of the City of Oxon.

On Saturday night last died, of the Twisting of the Gutts, Mr. Fyndal, 10 barber, of St. Aldate's, Oxon., aged about sixty. His elder Brother, a man of at least eighty, is Mr. W^m Fyndal of St. Gyles's, Oxon., a Printer.

April 15 (Tu.). Yesterday called upon me the President of Trin. Coll., Dr. Dobson. He had a Paper from his son-in-law Mr. T. Winder, Vicar of Hartley Row in Hampshire, who desired him to consult me about Wintenev Nunnery there. Mr. Winder had been advised to it by Mr. Warton. I told the President what I knew. I design to write to Mr. Furney, archdeacon of Surrey, in order to know what is in the Registers of Winchester. Mr. Winder also mentioned Dr. Archer, as a proper person to be consulted.

20 **April 16 (Wed.).** 'The Usage of a Barne bishop at Norwich was chiefly on St. Nicholas day & night, when the *pueri de Eleemosynaria* (whom we now call *Choristers*) chose a Bishop, and waited on him in procession to several Churches and good houses in the City, where the little rogues took great liberties; hence the Proverbial expression of *St. Nicholas Clerks*, signifying such as were not of the best character.' Dr. Tanner.

'In the Almoner's account for A.D. 1521, among other expences he laid out *In victualibus emptis cum aliis expensis pro episcopo puerorum in festo S. Nicholai vis. viii d.*, and the monks seem to have got some 30 Offerings on account of this show; for the Almoner A.D. 1488 accounts *de proventibus in die S. Nicholai 19 d. ob. et non plus quia vis. viii d. deducuntur pro victualibus et cirothecis puerorum*. A good Woman of a parish called St. Martin's, A.D. 1506, left in her Will a sum of money to buy a Robe of Worsted lined with purple Satin to be made in honour of St. Nicolas for the Bishop to were [*sic*] his day and night in the parish of — at the Paley's gate. There is a Ritual of the church of Norwich inter MSS. Coll. Bened. Cantab., but I am not certain whether there be any particular account of this custom therein. Some of your Cambridge friends may look into it and inform you, if it be not too late.' Dr. Tanner.

40 This day at two Clock in the afternoon was a Convocation, when the Proctors (Mr. Reynell of New Coll. & Mr. Manaton of X^t Ch.) for the year 1728 laid down their office, & Mr. John Wollen of Oriel Coll. & Mr. George Huddesford of Trin. Coll. were admitted proctors for the year 1729.

¹ This poem was printed by Hearne, and also by the O. H. S. in *Collectanea*, iii, pp. 188-209.

April 17 (Thur.). Mr. Samuel May, a rich druggist of London, whom I have formerly mentioned, as having many curious books, dyed last Summer.

April 18 (Fri.). On the 16th, in the Convocation, a Letter from the Chancellour of Oxford was read, that the Act for this year may be dispensed with, w^{ch} accordingly was agreed to, there being four to one (as I am told) against it, notwithstanding Dr. Felton, Principal, and Mr. Creed, Vice-Principal, of Edmund Hall, made speeches (which are much laught at) for an Act.

April 19 (Sat.). Mr. Baker never saw any book printed at Greenwich. ¹⁰

Mr. Baker never met with any thing concerning that odd custom *radendi barbas* (mentioned in New College Statutes) in any of their old Statutes at Cambridge, and yet he hath a pretty compleat collection of their old Statutes in most of their Colleges in that University, & having now received his Copy of King's College Statutes, at Cap. 42, he finds the words as he sent 'em to me. King Hen. VI was born on St. Nicholas's day, & his College is dedicated to St. Mary & St. Nicholas, and that is the reason that gives it the preference to Innocents Day.

April 20 (Sun.). Mr. Baker hath got a Copy of Lincoln College Statutes, but tho' he met with it in Archbishop Rotherham's Library, yet ²⁰ it is in too modern a hand to have been left there by him, & Mr. Baker tells me in his Letter of the 13th that he only mentions it that if I have any doubtfull or various readings of these Statutes at Oxford, he may possibly be able to help me to the true reading. NB. I never yet saw any Copy whatsoever of Lincoln College Statutes, nor can I ever expect to see any Copy in the College, notwithstanding I have some acquaintance there. These are favours I must never pretend to ask.

April 21 (Mon.). In my late Book, viz. the Black Book of the Exchequer, I take notice of a Life of Sir Tho. More, in the hands of Mr. Murray, wrote by N.H.L.D. Mr. Baker remembers some years ago he ³⁰ acquainted me with the same Book, MSS. Coll. Emman. Cantab., w^{ch} he since finds reason to believe to be wrote by Nic. Harpsfield, Leg. Doc.

I do not remember that Mr. Baker gave me any such Information, but I begin now to be of his mind, that Nic. Harpsfield was the Author. Be that as it will, what I have observed about it in the Black Book is sufficient.

April 22 (Tu.). Yesterday, particularly in the evening, I had much discourse with Mr. Thomas Rawlins, of Pophills in Warwickshire, nearly related to the late Dr. Charlett, who was his Uncle, the Doctor's sister being Mr. Rawlins's mother. Mr. Rawlins is eldest son to Dr. Charlett's ⁴⁰ eldest sister, who died about half a year since. Mr. Robert Bourne,

April 17, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 145) [see Diary, April 26 and 27].

April 22, 1729. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 147). Sends a transcript of Blanford's Chronicon from the Cotton Library.

April 22, 1729. John Harwood, at Islington, to H. (Rawl. 7. 32). Has received his volume from Mr. Davies of Paternoster Row. 'I am glad

chaplain of Corpus X^{ti} Coll., is son to a younger sister of Dr. Charlett, w^{ch} sister is still living, but her Husband hath been dead some years.

Mr. Rawlins shewed me several MSS. papers written by Ant. à Wood's own hand, for the most part extracted from Miles Windsore's Coll. in Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Library. They relate chiefly to Oxford. But I could not get him to part with them.

He said, among the vast number of Letters he had, among Dr. Charlett's Papers, were many of Dr. Pocock's.

He said Mr. Ward of Warwick is a very ingenious, honest, worthy
 10 young Gentleman, that he hath 3 children (& likely to have many more) living, two boys and a girl, that he is a very good husband, sober & studious & discreet, but that his Wife (a very pretty Woman, but was no fortune to him) is very extravagant in her Cloaths, &c. (tho' not given to gaming) & will, in all probability, ruin him.

Dr. Tanner told me yesterday when I called upon him at his Lodgings at X^t Church, that he can meet with no more than what I had of him of Anthony Wood's Life. He could tell me nothing of Tricklewe; nor of Hen. Blanford. Neither could he recollect anything about Tryvytlam, yet he said there was one Trivitham that he had read of.

20 Mr. Rawlins told me last night, that 'tis judged Dr. Thomas's new Ed. of Dugdale's Warwickshire will be a very imperfect thing, he having not had good information, and yet Mr. Rawlins speaks well of Thomas, as an honest man & modest.

April 23 (Wed.). I was told yesterday that in the last London Journal for Ap. 19 is an account of Dr. Woodward's Shield, with an abstract of Mr. Dodwell's Book that I published upon that subject, and that mention is made of me in this Journal.

In my last Letter to Mr. Baker I mentioned W^m. Wyrcester's translation into English of Tully *de Senectute*. I have mentioned it in my
 30 Preface to the Black Book. Mr. Anstis, in his Register of the Garter, guesses it to be that printed by Caxton. Leland holds (*ex conjectura tantum*) Tiptoft, Earl of Worcester, to be the Author of the Translation, & Pits is more positive, & yet perhaps not with more reason. Caxton, in his Preface to that Translation, printed by him anno 1481, names no Author but says: *It was translated & thystoryes openly declared by the ordenaunce & desyre of the noble auntyent Knyght Sir Johan Fastolf of the Countee of Norfolk, Banerette, lvyng the age of four score yere, &c.* w^{ch} (says Mr. Baker) makes it probable that it was translated by his Esquire W^m. of Wircestre. Mr. Anstis quotes a good part of Caxton's Preface to
 40 this purpose, & what is yet more material from the Cambridge MS. C.C.C. of W^m. Wyrcestre, *A.D. 1473 die 20 Aug. presentavi [viz. W.W.] W. Episcopo Winton. librum Tullii de Senectute per me translatum in*

you had the caution to prevent the intended fraud, yet am sorry they should make use of my name on such an occasion. I am retired in the Country for my Health, having quitted London for altogether, having not lain there once this two yeares. I hope you will excuse me not writing myself.¹

¹ The letter is by an amanuensis, but signed by Harwood.

Anglicis, *weh*, says Mr. Baker, puts it beyond doubt. I have mentioned the same passage from Dr. Tanner, in my Preface to the Black Book, only Dr. Tanner's date is Aug. 10. Mr. Baker hath Caxton's book now by him and can send me more of Caxton's preface, if I desire it. I think 'twill be needless. Mr. Murray hath also this Ed. of Caxton. I know not what to think of this matter, since Wyrcestre's name is not added to the printed Book. After all, 'tis a matter of no great moment.

Mr. A. Wood had one MS. collected by himself, wholly relating to affairs of Cambridge,² as I saw by Mr. Rawlins's Papers. Quære what is become of it? 10

By those Papers it appears that the King's Swarth (formerly called Port Street) beyond New Parks by Oxford went over by a Bridge the River Charwell.

April 24 (Thur.). On Tuesday came to Oxford in a Coach and Six, attended with another Coach and Six (in *weh* latter was his sister, who is a fine Woman, and another Female Relation) Sir John Smith, Bart., late M.A. of St. John's College, a personable young Gentleman, who hath an estate of about seven thousand libs. per an. and a vast deal of Money. He came to fetch his Lady, commonly called Nan Pim, a pretty handsome browne Girl, 31 yeárs of age, but of such an ordinary ²⁰ extraction that her Mother (a very poor Woman) goes to day-work at Garsington near Oxford, where she lives (and lately received Alms of the Parish) as did her Father also, who was killed 13 or 14 yeárs since, as he was at work at the Quarry by Garsington. Sir John gave the Ringers of St. Marie's three Guineas, three Guineas to the Ringers of St. Aldate's (where he and his Lady lodge, & where she hath been for some time), eight Guineas to the Ringers of four other Churches in Oxford, twenty Guineas to the Musick that was with him Tuesday night till 2 Clock yesterday morn, to say nothing of other Extravagancies, plainly shewing him to be touched, as 'tis thought he is. 30

April 25 (Fri.). Mr. Wood, in a MS. mentioned by Mr. Ward in a Letter to me, calls Ross's Account of the Earls of Warwick, *The Genealogy of the Earls of Warwick*.

Walter of Exeter wrote *Antiquitates Clivi Guidonici*, or rather, the Life of Guy, Earl of Warwick.

John Ross wrote *Antiquitates Clivi Guidonici*.

April 26 (Sat.). Mr. Ainsworth, the Compiler of the Kempian & Woodwardian Catalogues, tells Mr. West, Mr. Dodwell had seen Mr. Downes's Strictures upon Dr. Woodward's Shield, & had wrote a sufficient Confutation of them, the original of which he found among Dr. Woodward's papers, & intends to publish shortly. 40

Dr. Woodward's books amounted to £1,471 17s. His Curiosities & Antiquities came to no great Sum, abating the Shield, which it seems was bought back by his executors for 100 Guineas, the name of Captain Vincent being made use of, to prevent the true Purchasers being known.

The chief of what fell to Mr. West's share were: Simulacra & Statuae no. 1. 1, Apollo & Diana; Tabulae Caelatae no. 3 & 4; Inscriptiones no. 2; Urnae fictiles no. 2 & 3, 16, 21, 22; Diana Venatricis ritu

succincta prope D. Pauli eruta, Gemmae A. 1, C. 6, D. 3; Miscellanea pleraque.

April 27 (Sun.). Mr. Granger hath just published a small thin Book, called Keder's Catalogus Nummorum Sueco-Gothicorum, Price 5s. *Mr. Graves now in Oxford.*

Dr. Woodward's Curiosities (excepting some, such as those Mr. West had & some others) went very dear. *Mr. Graves.*

Some of those Curiosities were purchased by Ladies at great Sums. *Mr. Graves.*

- 10 Mr. Le Neve hath at last found out the true Roll of the Families of Northfolk, ^{weh} if I want he will send me. I did want it when I was about the Black Book of the Exchequer, to see if it were William Wyrcester's, but now I think it need not be sent.

Mr. Le Neve formerly bought the Library of Mr. Wilkinson for 10 libs. He was Parson of Laurence Waltham in Berks., & there are among his books several MS. volumes of pedigrees, especially of Persons in that Neighbourhood, of ^{weh} Mr. West informs me at my desire I may command.

- Silas Taylour's Antiquities of Harwich is almost finished, being (I am told) a fine 4^{to} printed by Mr. Dale, whom Mr. West formerly mentioned
20 to me, tho' he did not tell me who he is.

Tindal's Practice of Prelates is printed at Marborch, 153a.

Mr. West hath no book in his Collection printed at Greenwich, but sure he is he hath seen some printed there.

Mr. Palmer hath published the first part of his History of Printing, ^{weh} he designs to continue monthly. He hath free access to Lord Pembroke & Lord Oxford Libraries, ^{weh} to a judicious man must be of great use.

The Earl of Oxford hath lately met with a noble Leiger book of Bittlesden Abbey; formerly said in Tanner's Notitia to belong to George Duke of Buckingham.

- 30 It is generally thought in London that Mr. Lowe most certainly drowned himself. He hath left five children, 2 sons and 3 daughters. My Lord Baltimore hath in his hands above five thousand libs. of Mr. Lowe's money. My Lord Baltimore's Miss is Sally Meggot, but he is angry with her, because she keeps other Company.

Parson Wilkinson's name is frequently mentioned by old People to this day in the parts about Laurence Waltham, when any point of History or Antiquities is started. He was acquainted with Mr. Ashmole, and corresponded with him.

- Dr. Sleech is Fellow of Eaton College. He manages affairs for it.
40 He says there is no mention of any thing like *Episcopus Puerorum* in the College Statutes. The Statutes call the Provost *Gubernator* and the Master *Informator Puerorum*.

It seems Mr. Reeve's Widow published her Husband's Sermons herself, & Mr. Hiley was no farther concerned than in revising them for her, before they went to the Press, and this Mr. Loveday tells me I may depend on.

I would gladly know whether in Mr. Wilkinson's Collection there be any thing relating to the Familie of Nevil of Billingbere, of that of Weldon of Shottesbrooke, of the Manour of Feens in White-Waltham

Parish, of the Powels of Shottesbrooke, and of the Roman Station in Weycock Field in the Parish of Laurence Waltham. I fancy I should take great delight in perusing any part of Mr. Wilkinson's Collection. I wish I could have so much as one single MS. Volume thereof sent me to peruse.

April 28 (Mon.). Since what is mentioned above [see April 27], Mr. West tells me he hath found a Book he had then mislaid, thus intit.: 'A Faithfull Admonycion of a certen trewe pastor [&c.], now translated into Inglysch [&c.] with a preface of M. Philip Melancthon.' At the end, 'Imprinted at Grenewych by Conrade Freeman in the 10 month of May, 1554, with the most gracious Licence and privilege of God Almighty, Kyng of Heaven and Erth.'

April 29 (Tu.). Dr. John Harwood of Doctors Commons, London, being now in years, is retired now into the Country to Islington for his health, having quitted London for altogether. He is a Man that is curious in Roman and English Antiquities, and hath collected many Things that way, but I know not yet whether he ever published any thing. Quaere.

April 30 (Wed.). Mr. Leonard Litchfeild, the Printer, told me yesterday, that some time since, talking with Dr. Felton, Principal of 20 Edmund Hall, about reprinting Zouche's *Elementa Juris Civilis*, the Dr. was urgent with him to do it, and told him he would give him a Preface.

Mr. Evan Lloyd of Jesus Coll. hath several times of late talked with me about the old MS. *British Chronicle* in their College Library. I have been all along urgent with them, that they would print it, for the honour of their Country, it being the original of Aluredus Bev. and Gefriry of Monmouth.

May 1 (Thur.). Mr. Loveday, of Magd. College, 's mother's maiden name was Lethullier. So Mr. Loveday is second Cousin to Mr. Lethullier that was lately of Trin. College and is now a married man, his Lady 30 being a very pretty Woman. This Mr. Lethullier, who very lately entered a Brother of Trinity College, is looked upon (as I am told) by impartial men, as a very great Coxcombe.

Out of Mr. West's Letter from the Inner Temple, April 28, 1729: 'In answer to yours of the 25th, in my Catalogue of the Earl of Pembroke's Collection, it is thus put down; *Tabula antiqua* of Ric. II, when young, on his knees, in a Robe embroidered with white Harts, with his three saints in like habits, St. John Baptist, St. Edmund, & St. Edward. On a gold plate under this Picture is engraved this, *Invention of Painting in Oyle, 1410*. This was painted before, in the beginning of Ric. II, 40 1377. Hollar graved and dedicated it to King Charles the first & calls it *Tabula antiqua* of King Ric. II. I am informed Lord Oxford hath one of these cutts of Hollar. The Earl of Pembroke is ill. When I see him I will send you a more particular account.'

April 28, 1729. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright (*draft*, Rawl. 9. 56). Has received £4 15s.; hopes there may be less trouble in future.

April 28, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 146) [see Diary, May 1].

May 2 (Fri.). It appears from the Register of Osney in the Treasury of X^t Church, that the Isle of Middley with the Wick and the Appurtenances came to Osney Abbey by gift of the Burgesses of Oxford, in lieu whereof the Abbey of Osney gave to the Burgesses one mark of silver, w^{ch} mark of silver the Burgesses assigned to the Priory of St. Frideswide (to be paid by the hands of the Abbat and Convent of Osney) for penance enjoyned them for the Death of the Clerks or Scholars formerly hanged by them.¹

May 3 (Sat.). Yesterday, in a Convocation at two Clock in the 10 afternoon, Sir John Smith of St. John's College was created Dr. of the Civil Law, at w^{ch} time most of the Bells in Town rang, and there was a vast concourse of people at the Ceremony.

[An entry about the church of Somerton from the roll of Hugh Wells in his thirteenth year; printed Cant. and York Soc., vol. ii, p. 8.]

May 4 (Sun.). From Fog's Journal for Sat., May 3, 1729:—

On Thursday last, May 1, died the Rev. Dr. Rogers, Vicar of St. Giles, Cripplegate, greatly lamented by all that knew him . . . a very learned and orthodox Divine, an excellent Preacher, and eminently endowed with all other ministerial Qualifications, and whose Life was every way answerable to his 20 preaching.

This Dr. John Rogers was born at Eynsham near Oxon. (of w^{ch} place his Father was minister & died there in an advanced age), became Scholar, & at length Fellow of Corpus X^ti College. He stood to be head of the College in opposition to Dr. Mather, but missed it. He took the Degree of M.A., Mar. 13, 1700, that of B.D., July 8, 1710, & that of D.D. by Diploma, July 7, 1721. He married the sister of the Lord Coleraine of the Kingdom of Ireland, w^{ch} Lord had been his Pupil in the College of Corpus X^ti. This Dr. Rogers hath written & published several Books (good in their kind) in Divinity, one of w^{ch} is (the second 30 Edition whereof is just coming out) *The Necessity of Divine Revelation and the truth of the X^{tian} Revelation asserted; in Eight Sermons; to which is prefixed a Preface with some Remarks on a late Book intitled, The Scheme of Liberal Prophecy considered, &c.* It must be also noted that this Dr. Rogers was likewise Canon Residentiary of Wells & Chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty (the present Duke of Brunswick) commonly called K. George II.

May 2, 1729. Tanner, at Ch. Ch., to H. (Rawl. 10. 6). Lends him the *Itinerarium ad Windsor* to read [now in Tanner MS. 84: see Diary 123. 42].

May 3, 1729. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 65). Sends to H. by the hands of a friend, Mr. Rawlins, a picture of Inigo Jones.

May 4, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 21) [see Diary, May 7 and 8.]

¹ Hearne is mistaken. The payment for the death of the clerks was made to the University, not to St. Frideswide's. The *Cartulary of St. Frideswide's*, vol. i, p. 62, shows that the payment due from the Town to the Priory was composed of two quit-rents, dating apparently from Saxon times.—Ed.

May 5 (Mon.). Mr. Graves, when he was last in Oxford, told me that Mr. Ballard's Picture of Q. Catharine, first wife of Hen. VIII, is dim and so faded that 'tis worth but very little.

Dr. Tanner told me on the 1st instant, that *Wardam de Norum* in the Black Book of the Exchequer is the same as *Wardam de Norwico*. So that *Norum* must be then the same as *Norham*, & *Norham* the same as *Norwich*, w^{ch} will easily be allowed, *ham* being undoubtedly the same with *wic*. So *Warda de Norwico* is nothing but the *Castle of Norwich*.¹ Of this a little note may be made by me in some printed Book upon occasion. At the same time the Dr. told me that at George Nevill's 10 Commencement at Oxford, 1452, were 600 messes the first day and 300 messes the second day. The Dr. hath got the whole account, and is inclined to lend it me.

The Dr. told me he had many things concerning Gilbert Kymer, of whom I have spoke in my Edition of the Black Book.

Mr. Samuel Rolleston, M.A. & Fellow of Merton College and nephew of Dr. Mead, is chaplain to Benj. Hoadley, Bishop of Salisbury, & is now going with the Bishop in the said Bishop's Visitation, and Dr. Baker, Bp of Bangor, is also with them.

May 6 (Tu.). Many of Sir Simonds Dewes's books came out of the 20 Study of Ralf Starkey of Blomesbury, London, as Dr. Tanner told me the 1st inst., but of this I have a more particular account in one of these Volumes, as I extracted it from Sir Simonds's life written by himself.

Sir Simonds was against alienating his books, & had a curse like the ancients put in one of his windows, I think, of his Study or Librarie against alienation, as I remember Dr. Tanner informed me.

The Dr. at the same time told me, that in an Inventory of the Jewells, Vestments, &c., in the Cathedral of York, anno 1347, is mention made of 'A riche Cope of the Barne Bishope, another for his Chaplen'.

May 7 (Wed.). Dr. Bentley's admission, from the Register of 30 St. John's Coll., Camb. (sent me by Mr. Baker, May 4, 1729), 'Ricardus Bentley, Ebor', de Oulton, filius Thome B. defuncti, annos natus quindecim, et quod excurrit, literis institutus infra Wakefield, admissus est subsizator Mai: 24, 1676, tutore ejus magistro Johnston'. So I have his school, county, &c., as well as his age.

Mr. Baker hath heard nothing of late of Dr. Mangey's Philo, nor had he heard, before I told him, of Mr. Wood's Collection relating to Cambridge, only Hatcher's Catalogue of Fellows of King's College he knew was in Dr. Tanner's hands.

Mr. Baker wishes his statutes of Linc. Coll. had not been bound up in 40 a volume with many others; they should have been (Mr. Baker tells me) at my service.

Dr. Rawlinson seems to expect 50 guineas for the last copy of the Antiq. Brit.; that is much too high a price for Mr. Baker, & so he leaves

¹ It appears as if Hearne was unaware that the abbreviation, which so frequently is to be expanded *-rum*, really represents *r'*; what he has read *Norum* is really *Nor'*, i. e. *Noruico*.

it to the men of Quality. 'Tis also much too high for me, had I any great occasion to be greedy of it.

May 8 (Thur.). Yesterday at eleven Clock in the morning, Sir John Smith and his Lady left Oxford, where they had lived in such jollity, in order for his seat by Bristol. They dined yesterday at Woodstock and lay at Burford.

Mr. Baker, in his Letter from Cambridge of May 4th last, says thus : 'I have just now received the Life of Sir Thomas Moore by W^m. Rooper, publisht by J. Lewis. Not being accompanied with a Letter, I can only
10 presume it to come from the Editor. I have not yet had time to peruse it, but it is said to be taken from an antient & perfect Copy, & yet as far as I have observed, it does not vary from your Copy in any thing material. One thing I dare venture to say; it will never bear the same price with your Book. I knew nothing of his design, but since he has begun with Sir Thomas Moore, I shall not despair of Bp. Fisher's Life following it.'

Thus my friend Mr. Baker, who hath been so unfortunate as to put Papers into the hands of that vile, pragmatcal, silly Pimp, J. Lewis, a man that is abominated by all orthodox, honest men. Which Lewis,
20 tho' he stile himself M.A., yet I cannot find that he took that or any other degree in either of our Universities. There are abundance of MSS. handed about of Roper's Life of Sir Thomas Moore, but I cannot see that there are any better than those I made use of.

May 9 (Fri.). On Wednesday last at seven Clock, died Dr. W^m. Stratford, Canon of Christ Church, Archdeacon of Richmond, and Rector of Little Shelford in Berks. This Gentleman, who was son of the late Dr. Nich. Stratford, Bishop of Chester, was educated in Westminster School, from whence he was elected Student of X^t. Ch., and at length became Canon thereof, after he had been Chaplain to the Speaker of the
30 House of Commons. He took the Degree of M.A. Mar. 13, 1694, that of B.D. July 8, 1703, and that of D.D. July 7, 1705. He was a proud, haughty man, and some years agoe carryed himself very imperiously in the College, and was commonly called *Bully Stratford*; but of late, particularly since the Death of the late Dean of the College Dr. Smalridge, he hath behaved otherwise, and indeed was much dejected. From a Friend, for little or no reason he became a great enemy to Bp. Atterbury, and then got in with Dr. Rob. Freind, the Master of Westminster School, to whom before he had been an Enemy. The truth is, where Dr. Stratford took, he was a true Friend, and he proved such to the

May 8, 1729. Seymour Cholmondeley of Holford to H. (Rawl. 4. 81). Being the heir of his late cousin, Mr. Cholmondeley, he would like to continue the subscription to H.'s publications. Wishes to know how the money may be sent.

May 9, 1729. Gilbert Lake to H. (Rawl. 7. 148). Sends a bill on 'Farmer Casemore' [of Headington].¹

¹ See Letter of March 26, 1729.

writer of these Matters in many instances, & shewed great and tender affection to him, & was an encourager and promoter of his studies. He died of a lingering Distemper, having had the Feaver and Ague many times, and at last he had *dolor abdominis*, as the physicians, Dr. Frewin and Dr. Leigh (who did not understand well the nature of his ailment) called it. He was very rich and a single man (having never been married) & was about sixty years of age. I hear by his will (written all with his own hand) he hath left his books (a valuable collection) to Christ Church and Manchester Libraries, (he being it seems born at Manchester), all his free land to Christ Church to augment poor livings, and the rest to his two neices¹⁰ (whom he hath made executrixes) excepting some Legacies, and Dr. Rob. Freind & Mr. Brooks the Attorney are Trustees. He died in his Lodgings at X^t Church. He was buried very privately according to his own order in the Cathedral of X^t Ch. on Saturday evening, May 10th.

May 10 (Sat.). 'Fr . . . Trevytham *de laude Univ. Oxon.*; Pr. Ad te nunc habeo verbum, o civitas' [&c.]. From Dr. Tanner, May 1st, last. The Dr. could not recollect whence he took it. This Trevytham is the same with Tryvytlam in Mr. Gale's MS., from wh^{ch}, in my Appendix to Vita Ricardi II, I shall print the whole tract.

May 11 (Sun.). Last night Mr. Thomas Cockman came very privately²⁰ to Oxford to his Lodgings at Univ. Coll., the matter now being intirely settled with respect to his being Master of that College, seven Commissioners having been appointed by the Crown to visit the College, wh^{ch} accordingly was done in London, it being judged more proper to have the Visitation there, that the College might not be put to too great expenses. These Commissioners or Visitors soon dispatched the matter, and at the same time I understand declared five Fellowships vacant, viz. Dr. Denison's, Mr. Nevil's (by reason of a Patrimony), Mr. Lindsey's, Mr. Cockerill's, and Mr. Heather's, this Heather being now legally admitted.³⁰

May 12 (Mon.). From some notes of Bryan Twine: 'Novi Collegii alumni, stata et recepta a majoribus solemnitate, quotannis locum istum (sc. Hospitale sancti Bartholomaei) in festo SS. Philippi et Jacobi multo mane adeuntes invisunt, sacris de more intersunt, muneribus et oblationibus pauperes recreant, suavissimis hymnis, quorum symphoniaca modulatione totum nemus resonat, tempus protrahunt.' *From Dr. Tanner.* NB. Mr. Wood, in the notes I have published of his, at the end of the Black Book of the Exchequer, makes it to be Holy Thursday. Mr. Gadbury in one of his Almanacks mentions the same custom also, & had been at it himself, he having been born in Oxford. Mr. Wood⁴⁰ must likewise, I believe, have been at it, when he was very young. I have read the passage in Gadbury many a time, when I was a boy, but I forget what Almanack it was.

May 12, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. II. 147) [see Diary, May 21]. 'Tis talked Dr. Knight, the Compiler of Colet and Erasmus's Lives, will succeed Dr. Stratford in the canonry of Christ Church.'

May 13 (Tu.). [Extracts from the Register of Oseney Abbey and the Roll of Hugh Wells, obtained from Dr. Tanner on May 1; see Diary, May 2 and May 3.]

May 14 (Wed.). Some say the late Mr. Theophilus Downes was author of the *Introduction to Hereditary Right*.

The said Mr. Downes was certainly a very ingenious man and a good Divine, but I fear not a very great Antiquary, & the information of his being author of the said Introduction I much suspect. The more I consider the *stricturae* under his name *de clypeo Woodwardiano*, the
 10 more I am inclined to look upon them as very weak. They were long ago obviated. The age of the Shield hath been fixed, both by Mr. Dodwell and myself. Mr. Dodwell (after I had given my opinion, little different from his) assigned it to the time of Nero. No judicious man ever believed it to be of the age of the Action represented. All things agree to the age we have assigned. Mr. Downes himself was satisfied of this. It was therefore weak to print these *stricturae*, wh^{ch} prove just nothing, unless it be that the Shield is not near the time of Camillus, what no skilfull man ever contended it was. It is most certainly, notwithstanding, very ancient, and of very great value.

20 **Mr. W^m Ball**, who died in Oxford about a year since, was fifty-five years of age, as I was told by his younger brother the Rev. Mr. John Ball, an honest Nonjuror, formerly scholar of Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Oxon., this morning, who is printing, in English, Gyllius of Constantinople, & tells me that he himself is fifty-four years old. He, this Mr. John Ball, is much patronized by Mr. Banner, 15 years ago Gentleman Commoner of Queen's Coll. Oxford, & now lives in Staffordshire, an honest Gentleman of a good large Estate, who married a very fine Woman ten years ago, but as yet they have had no children.

May 15 (Holy Thursday). The Rt Hon^{ble} the Lady Scudamore
 30 (whose Lord hath been dead some years) died about a fortnight agoe of the small Pox at London, leaving a great character behind her for her Charitie and other Virtues. There is only one Child left, viz. her Daughter, Miss Scudamore, a very great Fortune, about 18 years of age, with whom a match was carrying on with the Duke of Beaufort, and the Wedding was to have been speedily, had the old Lady lived.

May 16 (Fri.). Mr. John Ball was entered of Corpus X^{ti} Coll. (as he told me last night) *anno* 1690.

Mr. Ball told me, about 7 years ago he translated and printed a Piece of Bellarmine, and that there were two thousand copies printed, and that

May 13, 1729. R. Levett to H. (Rawl. 7. 156). 'You have put me down in your list of subscribers *Fellow of All Souls*. If you recollect, I have been married these two years. I would not be thought to keep a Fellowship with a wife: you have enough of that sort in Oxford besides.'

May 13, 1729. H. to Anstis (*draft*, Rawl. 19. 66). The Diary of Wood [see Letter, April 3, 1729] reached to 1659, not to 1672. The book printed was in some measure extracted from it. 'You are acquainted well with the Gentleman in London who did it, and I suppose he may, as he ought to, furnish you with a copy of it.'

Mr. Ch. Rivington the Bookseller gave him 20 lbs. for the Copy, after he had disposed of a good number. Some have cryed this Rivington up for a very honest man, but I hear now that he bears the quite contrary Character amongst truly honest men in London. Mr. Ball never printed anything, besides that piece of Bellarmine, & that piece of Gyllius he is now doing.

Mr. Ball is much acquainted with Mr. Edmund Chishull, of whom however he hath but an indifferent opinion, Chishull being very haughty & conceited, & a great Whig or Republican. This Chishull assists Ball in Gyllius, furnishing him with Maps or Tables, &c.

I hear Dr. White Kennett hath left a copy of the 1st Ed. of Ant. Wood's *Athenae Oxon.* corrected throughout, with several Additions.

There is a Copy goes about, w^{ch} I have not yet seen, of the said Dr. White Kennett's contract with the booksellers, for the writing of the last volume of the English History, in w^{ch} Dr. Rawlinson (who told me of it) observes not a word of pay for the scandalous notes in the other part.

Dr. Rawlinson lately bought, at an Auction, a fine copy of the *Ath. Oxon.* 1st Edit, large Paper, the late property of Mr. Lees, formerly fellow of All Souls, & since Vicar of Faversham in Kent, in w^{ch} are 20 several MSS. notes, as the Dr. apprehends, of that Gentleman's handwriting.

Mr. John Ball's father was an Apothecary in High St. in Oxford. Mr. John Ball's grandfather, W^m Ball, was one of the yeomen Beadles of the Univ. of Oxford. He was an honest old Cavalier, and fought for K. Charles I.¹

May 17 (Sat.). Mr. Combes, the Printer, told me yesterday, that his nephew Mr. Parne, Fellow of Trin. Coll., Cambridge, hath as fine Chambers as any one in that University, and that one Room is adorned with an extraordinary fine Paint of the History of the travells of St. Paul, 30 w^{ch} Mr. Parne bought cheap, tho' some value it at 6 or 7 hundred Pounds. It seems it is an Italian Paint, and is supposed to have belonged to some Italian Church or Convent.

Dr. Rawlinson says Sir John Oldcastell's Process, &c., are reprinting, as is Silas Taylor's *Antiquities of Harwich*, with great Additions in *Antiquities and Natural History*, both by good hands.

He says Norden's short survey of Essex is under consideration, from a very great man's library. NB. I suppose the Dr. does it himself, as he wrote the account of Norden's Life and Writings, prefixed to the Survey of Cornwall.

Mr. Ball informed me the other night that my late Friend, Mr. Hilckiah Bedford, died worth six thousand lbs. or more. He left two sons and one Daughter.

Mr. John Strype, now a very old man, who hath published so many books of Lives, was always looked upon to be (as he most certainly is) a strange, heavy, dull, injudicious Writer.

¹ There is a reference to William Ball's suffering for the King in *Balliol Oxford Deeds* (O. H. S.), p. 345, but it does not appear that he fought for the King.—Ed.

B^p Fell always designed the ground, where the new printing house is, for a University Church. But Dr. Lancaster turned it to quite another use, for w^{ch} he is much blamed by honest men.

The old University Congregation House at Oxford was the ground room, at the north side of St. Marie's church, and over it was the Cobham Library, built by Thomas Cobham, bishop of Worcester; but the books of this Cobham Library being translated to the Library of Duke Humfrey A. D. 1480, the upper room became the Congregation House, in w^{ch} upper room was brave painted glass, containing the Arms of the Benefactors, 10 w^{ch} painted glass continued till the times of the late Rebellion.

May 18 (Sun.). Yesterday I was with Mr. Cockman, Master of Univ. College. He shewed me an old 4^{to} MS. of their statutes. The word *patrimonium* is expressly in them, & by virtue of that word Mr. Neville is out of his Fellowship, what Mr. Nevile was very desirous of.

The Master told me, they design to frame new Statutes, in order to w^{ch} they will have before them three or four of the best bodies of Statutes in the University. He said, he found I had a copy of New Coll. Statutes. He asked if I would lend it them. I told him he should see it at any time. I added, if I lent them, I hoped he would lend me at the same 20 time Univ. Coll. Statutes. He said I should see them.

Just published twelve sermons preached on several occasions (the last of which was never before printed), by the Rev. W^m Lupton, D.D., late Prebendary of Durham, and Preacher to the Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn, 8^{vo}. His Effigies by Vertue is prefixed.

Dr. John Rogers above mentioned [*see* Diary, May 4] was buried at Eynsham, where he was born. He had been esteemed some years for his being a great Tory, but of late he was turned Whig, & I have heard him mightily spoke against on that score, as a sneaking Trimmer. But this was done by him, as 'tis by others, purely for the sake of Preferment.

30 **May 19 (Mon.).** A dairie book for good Huswives [&c.], Lond. 1588, 4^{to}. [Quotations from it omitted.]

About a week since, one Mr. Thomas Hughes, M.A. & Fellow of Trin. Coll., Oxon., had a Licence given him by the Convocation, for practising Physick, tho' he be no graduate in that Faculty, w^{ch} I note particularly for this reason, because Mr. John Crossley, M.A., of St. Mary Hall, was denied, about the beginning of this month, the degree of Bach. of Physick, notwithstanding he hath done all his exercise, is a man of great skill, & hath done extraordinary cures; but it seems 'tis his skill that raised him up enemies, such as Dr. Frewin, Dr. Leigh, &c., who objected 40 that he was a Quack, and practiced before he had either a licence or was a graduate in the Facultie. The same objection might be alledged against them all; for all of them have done the same.

May 20 (Tu.). Mr. West cannot send me an account of what the whole of Dr. Woodward's curiosities amounted to. In his opinion they were all sold very cheap.

Mr. West knows not, whether Dr. Woodward had any collection of coins. He is sure there have been none sold since his death. If he formerly had any, he thinks he disposed of them in his life time.

NB. I always understood that he had a very good collection of coins, and I have had it from several that some years ago saw them.

Mr. Thomas Granger hath published no book. What occasioned Mr. Graves's mistake [see Diary April 27] was a book just published by a namesake of his, entitled '*Catalogus nummorum Sueco-Gothicorum usualium ac memorabilium, veterum recentiumque, in Museo Graingeriano, Holmiae curiose asservatorum, concinnatus a Nicolao Kedero Holmiensi, regii antiquitatum collegii assessore. Accedunt & alii nummi ab eodem descripti. Lond. 1728. 4^{to}.*'

The said collection was formerly made by Elias Brenner, and 10 Mr. Granger bought them in Sweden. They are a very large collection of Suedish coins, & he hath brought them here to sell them. He asks 4 or 5000 libs. for them.

May 21 (Wed.). Last night I spent the evening with my friend Mr. James West at the King's Arms in Holywell, Oxford, who came from London yesterday, and called here in his way to Evesham in Worcestershire.

Rymer's *Foedera* was reprinted by Jacob Tonson at 50 libs. a set, and yet he hath printed five hundred copies. There were but two hundred printed for sale of the former Impression, besides what was reserved to 20 the Government for Presents, and they were sold at 40 shillings a volume, and the whole (there being seventeen volumes) came to 34 pounds. Mr. George Holmes, of the Tower, had the care of this new Edition, and found considerable mistakes in the Transcripts.

Mr. West hath a copy of Tully de Senectute, &c., in English, printed by Caxton, but he says 'tis imperfect at the beginning, wanting 3 or 4 leaves. My Lord Oxford hath one w^{ch} his Lordship hath lent me, but it wants the first Leaf.

May 22 (Thur.). Mr. West told me, Lord Oxford is mightily for having Domesday Book printed. He said Lord Trevor's is the only 30 perfect Transcript, they know of, that hath been exactly collated. If there are others, they were taken from Lord Trevor's.

One Mr. Innes hath just published two volumes in 8^{vo}, price bound ten shillings, in w^{ch} he is pleased to give a great Character about the exactness of my Edition of Fordun's *Scotichronicon*. These two volumes are all relating to the Scottish Historie, and from it I gather that the MS., I made use of, of Fordun's *Scotichronicon*, now in the hands of Roger Gale, Esq., is most certainly the very best MS. in the world of the genuine Fordun; what I knew also before.

May 23 (Fri.). Last Saturday the Duke of Brunswick, commonly 40 called K. George II, went for Hanover, leaving his Dutchess, commonly called Q. Caroline, sole Regent in his absence, who is dispensed with by

May 23, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 31). 'I thank you for both your Letters &c. by Mr. Ball. We drank your health with the half Crown.... The *Stricturae* prove nothing. They were long since obviated, even to Mr. Downe's satisfaction. You should not therefore have published them without you had at the same time considered what hath been said with great

the Parliament from taking all manner of oaths on that occasion, ^{weh} makes many merrily say, a Non Juror is now Queen of England.

May 24 (Sat.). My Lord Oxford tells me by letter, May 22, 1729, that he hath seen three other copies, besides his own, of Tully de Senectute, *translated and printed by Caxton* (they are my Lord's own words), and they all begin as his does, and he is apt to think that his book is perfect. 'Tis very plain to me, both from the Signature and the vestigia of a Leaf now remaining, that one Leaf (^{weh} hath been cut out) is wanting, and I am apt to think too that it could not have been a blank Leaf, since there
10 would have been no need of distinguishing that by a Signature.

My Lord Oxford hath no MS. of Henry Blankforde.

May 25 (Whitsunday). From Fogg's Journal for May 24, 1729:—

London, May 24. On Monday Se'nnight last [May 12] the Corps of the Rev. Dr. Rogers was carried from his House at Cripplegate in a solemn manner, to be buried at Ensham in Oxfordshire, the Place of his Birth. The Pall was supported by the following—Rev. Twines; Dr. Mather, President of Corpus Christi College; Dean Harris, clerk of the Closet to the Queen; Dr. Marshall; Dr. Astry; Dr. Bloomer; and Mr. Burton, of Oxford. The Corps was met nine miles from the Church by 50 Gentlemen on Horseback.
20 The Funeral was performed by Mr. Peake, undertaker, sub-clerk of St. Giles's, Cripplegate. His Funeral Sermon was preached last Sunday morning at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, by the Rev. Dr. Marshall, jun.

May 26 (Mon.). Last night W^m. Ing, of Thorp-Constantine in Staffordshire, Esq., spent the evening with us in Cat Street. He was formerly Gentleman Commoner of Queen's Coll., Oxon.; Mr., afterwards Dr., W^m Lancaster being his Tutor. He was four years of the University and went away about 1689 or 1690. He hath been Parliament Man several times. He is a worthy Gentleman and a great Admirer of the Saxon Tongue and of our English Antiquities. He hath brought a son to
30 Oxford to Brazennose Coll., where his Tutor is Mr. Yarburgh. He is 18 years old and is Gentleman Commoner. His Father is mighty desirous his son should study our Antiquities.

May 27 (Tu.). Mr. Ing is mightily against the monks and pretends to assert that they were monstrous Forgers of Charters, and that therefore very few of their charters since the Conquest are to be depended on. But this is *gratis dictum* & I look upon it only as talk and not the real sentiment of Mr. Ing, whom I made sensible of the contrary, and that the monks were not such Villains. For tho' some of their charters are

strength of argument for the antiquity of the shield. But you have been so far from considering what hath been wrote for it that you do not seem to have read what hath been alledged to that purpose, at least not with any tolerable care. . . . I am glad Mr. Crynes will receive so great assistance from you in his designed Ed. of Busbequius. . . . Mr. F. Gyles is represented here as the fairest and cheapest bookseller in England. His agent here takes care to disperse his catalogues always before yours are seen with us. I have not seen Dr. White Kennett's contract with the Booksellers.'

May 26, 1729. Seymour Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 4. 82). Will send the subscription to Mr. Bedford, as directed [*see* Letter of May 8]. Sends a list of the volumes that are lacking in his series of H.'s publications.

spurious, yet the bulk of them are authentick and the monks were for the most part very honest, conscientious good men. Mr. Ing is mightily for the Charters before the Conquest, & it must be allowed that great credit is to be given to the Saxon Charters, tho' even there frauds may be discovered. For many Saxon Charters having been destroyed by the Normans, the friends of the Saxons took pains afterwards to retrieve them, & so 'twill be no hard matter to conceive that some were new made, on purpose to maintain & secure Rights, done indeed not immediately by the Monks themselves, but by some that had a great affection for them.

May 28 (Wed.). It is advertised that Bale's Account of Sir John ¹⁰ Oldcastle, Lord Cobham, is just published, that there are only 250 copies printed at 7s. 6d. a copy, and that six are printed upon a fine writing Vellum.

It is also advertised that W^m Roper's Life is just printed from an old MS.

Neither of the Editors' names appears. Lewis, however, did the latter, and 'tis nothing but a scrap of my Book. Some say Dr. Rawlinson did the other; as 'tis also said, and I am satisfied about it, that the Dr. printed the *stricturæ de clypeo Woodwardiano*. Remember to ask the Dr. whether Mr. Downes really gave that Title, and whether the Editor ²⁰ did not give it himself. Also ask the Dr. for a List of all the Books he hath published.

May 29 (Thur.). Mr. Martin (commonly called Dr. Martin), the Botanist, called upon me yesterday with a Letter from Mr. Baker of Cambridge. Mr. Martin walked from Cambridge, where he has done much service and honor to that University.

Mr. Baker cannot say precisely what Dr. Woodward's books and rarities went for, but he remembers Dr. Middleton (who corresponds with one of the Executors) told him they were sold for very near two thousand pounds. He says my first book printed at Oxford was sold for £11 11s. & was ³⁰ said to be bought by my Lord Pembroke or order.

Mr. Baker says he has seen the *Stricturæ breves*, and gave his copy to Dr. Middleton, who, he believes, would send it to Rome, where they will be able to form a judgment of it, by comparing it with Originals.

Mr. Baker hath not met with any Book printed at Greenwich, & is partly of my opinion with respect to Mr. West's book, that I told him of, that it may be a misnomer.

He says Mr. Parne has a curious Painting that came from Italy, but the History of it is Our Savior's Nativity, and the Shepherds coming to pay their Adoration, &c.; what it cost, Mr. Parne never told him; but he had ⁴⁰ it cheap, being partly a Present and partly bought, and has been valued by a Painter at Cambridge (no great Master) at 300 libs.

May 30 (Fri.). Lord Lechmere's books are sold oddly to brokers with his goods by a Yorkshire Spark, who has married his Widow, and cares not wholly to depend on Apron Strings, so that a havock will be made of a good collection, as I am told, of English History. Dr. Rawlinson, Feb. 18, 1728-9.

May 31 (Sat.). It does not yet appear what became with the late

Mr. Edw. Lhuyd's Collections for his intended History of Wales, what Sir Thomas Sebright hath of that kind being very inconsiderable, in respect of what to be sure he had in his Travells collected. 'Tis very probable that Mr. Parry imbezled them some way or other so that 'tis hoped they may be still in some private hands, and 'tis to be wished that at some time or other some qualified person may be found who may do the world that piece of service, as well as that justice to Mr. Lhwyd's [*sic*] memory as to digest and publish them, w^{ch} will likewise tend very much to the honour of Wales, and yet (alas) there is very little prospect of this, 10 the very Scholars of Wales turning their thoughts another way, the Encouragement of things of this kind being so very small,

June 1 (Sun.). The Contents of an old Paper MS. lent me by Roger Gale, Esq., Ap. 5, 1729. An oblong Book. It is very rotten. It belonged (as I take it) to the Abbey of Glastonbury. It was written *temp.* Hen. VI.¹

1. Decimae Abbatis Glaston.
2. Apocalipsis Johannis ignoti per Walterum Mapes (vide Bibl. Cott. Vesp. E. xii) *A tauro torrida lampade Sintbi.*
3. De poena conjugii per Walterum Mape. *Sit Deo gloria, laus, benedictio.*
- 20 4. De virtute clavium.
5. De 4 Raptoribus.
6. De Musica & Organis.
7. Aqua & Vinum.
8. Satyricum quid in Abbates.
9. A Medecyne for the Flixe.
- 10 A Triumphe of K. Henry VI.
11. The feast of Gardening.
12. Pluk of her belles & let here flee.
13. Revertere.
- 30 14. Who sayth the truth shall be shente.
15. Parce michi domine.
16. And evermore thank God of alle.
17. Hyre & see and say not alle.
18. As ryght as a rams horne.
19. Beware the blynd etyth meny flye.
20. Epitaphium D. Joseph.
21. Nota de luxuria.
22. De Symonia et avaricia.
23. Mors inexorabilis, sive tractatus de morte [carmine itidem ut pleraque hoc in codice].
- 40 24. De Cantu, Alma Redemptoris mater.
25. De potandi numero.
26. Jhesus Mercy, lady helpe. A Fable relating to the Fidelity of a most beautiful Lady to her husband.
27. Oratio ad B. M. Virginem & S. Josephum.
28. Æstas et hiems.
29. Felicitas.
30. Mors.
31. Ingratitudo, a fratre Stephano Deverell monacho Glaston'. *Volventi plurima in cordis specula.*
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¹ This manuscript is thought to be identical with MS. O. 9. 38 in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge; see *Collectanea* iii (O. H. S.), p. 188.—Ed.

32. Whatever thowe sayes, ayse the welle.
33. The xv^{en} condycyons of a good horse.
34. Tryvytlam de laude Universitatis Oxoniae. *Ad te nunc habeo verbum,*
o civitas.
35. Jhesus Mercy, Lady help.
36. De astantibus Crucifixo.
37. De supersticione Pharisaeorum.
38. Jhesus Mercy, Lady help.
39. Versus de quatuor complexionibus.
40. De Petro de Gaverstone.
41. *Tancredus Princeps Salernitanus* [no Title, this being the beginning of the
thing which is in prose]; per Leonardum Aretinum de Italico in
Latinum translatum.
42. Hilda Martyr.
43. Nicholaus Abbas Glaston. carissimis confratribus suis Johanni... &
Ricardo Busard monachis monasterii Glaston. Scriptum apud Colo-
niam in die Primi & Feliciani. It was written either anno 1433 or
1434, as I take it.

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Copy of Number 10.

A tryumphe [of K. Henry VI].¹

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And as towchyng tydyngs of thys Contre, the kyng came un to Parys from Seynt Denys the secunde day of December, and ther was he receyvyd as worthely as ever was eny kyng yn to any Cytee. And atte a vyllage clepyd Chapelle by twene Seynt Denys and Parys, there mette with the kyng the provest of Arechaunde and iii other estates wyth hym, all clothyd yn swete of fyn rede satyn Crymsyn furred with martroons wyth blew hodys un to a grete nombre notable wyth hem. And whan the kyng was past that vyllage, ther mette hym the provest of Parys yn a gowne of velewette and alle the maystres of the Chattelettes wyth hym clothyd yn blew, wyth blake hodys, and next after tham the ix worthy emprovaunce [*sic*] kynges and quenys, and 30
eyche of tham armyd savyng the quenys, and ther horses trappyd wyth theyre armes, and the quenys horses trappyd with theyre armes. And than come the mayster of the Chambour of Acomptes, alle clothed yn violett wyth scarlett hodys to a notable noubre. And than after cam the presedent wyth alle the maystres of the parlement alle yn scarlett, wyth furred hodys and rounde stondyng cappys of Tripper. Thes were the fowree estates of the towne wyth the ix worthy. And after that comyng to the gate of Seynt Denys of Parys, ther was a fore the frontt of the gate the armes of the towne of gold, a schyppe of aswre wyth the flowre-de-lys of gold yn the aswre. And also ther was a verrey schyppe wyth alle the purtenance longyng therto covered 40
wyth sylver foyle and certeyne personys ther ynnie. And atte the kyngges comyng they hangyd owt of the schyppe iii hertys alle bloody lyke un to iii hertys of men, butt they were gretter. And as the kyng cam to the gate, thes iii hertys opennyd and owte of hem flew whyte dowfes and other bryddys and certayne scripture made schewyng im to the kyng, that they receyvyd hym wyth alle here hertys, as for theyr soverayne lord and kyng. And atte the comyng yn atte gate was ordeynd a clothe of gold and vi men beryng hit upon vi sperys shaftys, everych of hem barehede, wyth a gerlande of golde-foyle upon here hedys, and clothyd yn blew. And yn the same strete was made a condyzt and iii meremaydyns swymmyng a bowte yn the water. 50
And owte of that condyzt rennyng iii stremes, once of ypocras, the secunde of rede wyne, and the thyrd of mylke. And that every Englysmen that wolde drynke ypocras hadde ynowe, and men redy to serve hem wyth peces and iii wodewoses [*sic*] playyng on the topp of the condyzt, and other men benyzt to

¹ 'This enclosed is by a later hand.' Note by Hearne.

kepe the condyzt. And than yn the same strete was made a sckaffold, and ther uppon men dysgysed, after the weddyng of owre lady, and the byrthe of owre lord, from the begynnyng un to the endyng. And ther was nother man ne chylde, that cowthe perceyve that they chaungyd eny chere or contynauce alle that tyme duryng, but holdyng theyre contynauce as thowh it hadde bene ymages peyntyd. So that alle men that saw it sayde they saw never none sewyche don yn there lyfe. And after that they came ynto the ynnere gate of Seynt Denys, ther was made the lyffe of Seynt Denys, where he was yn Chartour, and many dyverse persones yn grete estate abowte hym, bothe
 10 spirituelle and temporalle, and after Crystyne men maad and hethen men maad, as they were yn tyme passyd. And so comynge ynto the fontayne of Seynt Innocentys ther was made an hegge of holme busschys and ther was lete sterte an herte and howndys regnyng after hym, covered yn the armys of Englonde and of Frawnce. And atte Chatelette there was made a statly ordynawnce of Scaffoldys hongyd wyth clothys of golde and of arras, wyth the kyngges armes, and men lykenynge to the kyng, syttyng yn hys see yn his estate yn scarlett wyth a furred hode and two Skocheons made wyth armes of Englonde and of Frawnce, and uppon the ryght hand knelyng my lord of Bedford, my lord of Gloucestre, and my lord the Cardynalle wyth all other lordys
 20 of England after theyre degre, wyth theyre cote Armers uppon thaim. And than the duke of Burgoyne uppon the lefte syde offryng up the armes of Frawnce and alle other lordys yn theyre degree, and offryng up theyre armes, gyfying Scripture made, requyryng the kyng a Justice. And after that was presentyd to the kyng a wyde hert brydlyd and trappyd wyth the armes of the towne. And so the kyng rode forthe to owre lady Chyrche and offryd. And alle the stretys from Seynt Denys gate ware hongyd wyth clothes of arras and clothes of tappestres werk and for the most parte alle thorwe was coveryd wyth whyte linnen clothe. And so than from thenns the kyng rode to Turneux. And by cause hit was perylous rydyng for the froste yn the townes,
 30 alle the stretes yn the towne and thaward the towne was strewyd for slydyng of the horsys, and soo came to Torneux, and there he sowpyd wyth my lord of Bedford and lay ther alle nyght, and so uppon the morne wente and spake wyth the quene of Frawnce, and ther sheo made hym alle so grete chere as scheo myght, and sayde scheo was never so glad syththe scheo sawe the kyng of Frawnce yn goode plyte. And soo forthe from the quene he rode streyght un to Boysyncent, an ther schalle be un to the day a fore hys Coronacyon that schalle be on Sonday the viii dayes a fore Crystemesse Day.

Copy of num. 40.

De Petro de Gauerstone

40 Vexilla regni prodeunt, fulget cometa comitum,
 Comes dico Lancastriae, qui domuit indomitum;
 Quo vulneratus pestifer mucronibus Walensium
 Truncatus est atrociter in sexto mense mensium.
 Impleta sunt quae censuit auctoritas sullimium;
 Mors Petri sero patuit; regnavit diu nimium.
 Arbor mala succiditur dum collo Petrus ceditur;
 Sit benedicta framea, quae Petrum sic aggreditur.
 Beata manus jugulans, beatus jubens jugulum,
 Beatum ferrum feriens quem ferre nollet saeculum.
 50 O crux, quae pati pateris hanc miserum miseriam,
 Tu nobis omnem subtrahe miseriae materiam.
 Te summa Deus Trinitas oramus prece sedula
 Fautores Petri destruas et conteras per saecula. Amen.

Pange, lingua, necem Petri, qui turbavit Angliam,
 Quem rex amans super omnem praetulit Cornubiam.

Vult hinc comes et non Petrus dici per superbiam.
 Gens est regni de thesauri fraude facta condolens,
 Quando Petrus de thesauro prodige fit insolens,
 Quid ventura sibi dies pariat non recolens.
 Hoc opus nostrae salutis, quod Petrus [*sic*] interiit;
 Multiformis proditoris ars tota deperiit.
 Exnunc omne cor laetetur, quia ve [*sic*] praeteriit.
 Quando venit apta rei plenitudo temporis,
 Est praecisum caput ei de junctura corporis;
 Turbans turbas intra regnum nunc turbatur aforis. 10
 Nulli volens comparari, summo fastu praeditus,
 Se nolente, subdit collum passioni deditus;
 De condigna morte cuius est hic ymnus editus.
 Perdit caput qui se caput paribus praeposuit.
 Rite corpus perforatur, cuius cor sic tumuit;
 Terra, pontus, astra, mundus plaudant quod hic corrui.
 Trux, crudelis inter omnes, nunc a pompis abstinet,
 Jam non ultra sicut comes, vel ut rex se continet.
 Vir indignus morte dignus mortem dignam sustinet.
 Flexis ramis arbor alta ruit in proverbias; 20
 Nam rigor lentescit ille, quem dedit superbia.
 Edes Petri, qua tenetur, non sit fulta robore;
 Sit prophanus alter locus, sit & in dedecore,
 Quem foedus cruor foedavit, fusus Petri corpore.
 Gloria sit creatori, gloria comitibus,
 Qui fecerunt Petrum mori cum suis criminibus,¹
 Amodo sit pax & plausus in Anglorum finibus. Amen.

Copy of number 43.

Carissimis confratribus suis, Johanni . . . & Ricardo Busard, monachis monasterii Glast'. 30

Nota quod omnes borones [*sic*] & nobiles Bohemiae et marchionatus Moraviae, nuper post Pascha circa quartam ebdomadam, sencientes se sub-
 jectos per plebes & infimos populos, haeresi ista nephanda percussos, convenerunt
 in unum, & ducem Austriae Albertum adierunt, cui quidam ex eis fidelitatem
 jurarunt, quidam autem ex eis arbitrati sunt non esse tutum talem fidelitatem
 jurare pro tunc, qu[oniam] si juramentum perciperetur a vulgo indocto populi
 civitatum et opidorum difficiliore se redderet a[d] pacem, minusque confi-
 derent in ipsis baronibus, dum cum ipsis tractarent. Quare magis eis videbatur
 accommodum pro pace procuranda treugas unire ad tempus; quod etiam
 factum est. Ceterum veri ipsi Barones, in vigilia Assencionis se invic[em] 40
 congregantes in campo, de mane jurarunt mutuo, se non deficere usque ad
 mortem inclusive, donec populum, legi Dei, ecclesiae & hominum tam rebellem,
 predictis legibus subicerent, ac hereticos, taboritas, orphanos et communicantes
 sub utraque interficerent, perimerent, aut in exilium mitterent. Unde [die]
 Assencionis Domini hora quasi meridiana, ingressi Pragmam veterem, habita
 prius bona fide cum ci[vibus] ejusdem civitatis, secretissime tamen servata
 [], sumpta modica recreacione, statim ante horam secundam cum civibus
 ingressi sunt isti domini Barones civitatem Pragensem novam, singulare habita-
 culum & specialem nidum hereticorum. Non tamen ita caute ista facta sunt,
 quin ad aurem quorundam istorum hereticorum perveniret horum dominorum 50
 propositum. Set tam subito irruerunt domini Barones & Cives predicti in
 illam civitatem novam, ut in foribus essent civitatis antequam portas possent
 claudere. Quod videns Procopius Rasus, rector in spiritualibus Taberitarum,
 statim fugit cum quatuordecim equis. Christi militibus jam portas occu-

¹ carminibus, MS.

- pantibus, nullus post eos evadere poterat. Quod videntes alii incolae haeretici coeperunt ascendere praetorium & domos fortiores civitatis illius, pluribus hinc inde in plateis alternis sanguinibus balneatis, aliis flumen petentibus & in eodem submersis, paucissimis ad aliud litus pervenientibus. Set hiis dominis Baronibus a caede non cessantibus, interfecti sunt senes cum junioribus, mulieres cum pueris. Inter quos interfectus Lupus, sacerdos eorum, potissimus haeresiarcha, & impeditor per suas predicationes omnis pacis & concordiae inter ecclesias & illos. Videntes autem domini Barones, quod tantus haereticorum populus domos fortissimas occuparent & se laborabant defendere,
- 10 posuerunt ignem ad praetorium, quod fortius erat, & quosdam combusserunt, quidam se praecipitaverunt, alii autem exeuntes se reddiderunt, ex quibus capitales statim mortui sunt gladio & aliis bellicis, & alii carceribus mancipati sunt; & sic factum de singulis, qui alias domos reciperent pro suis fortaliciis. Modo quoque isto liberata est civitas ista a malis habitatoribus. Et nobiles domini Barones, fideles milites, ipsam inhabitant. Hec vero audientes exercitus Boëmiorum in numero decem millia, qui jam per undecim menses opidum quoddam Boëmiaë, dictum . . . bnam obsiderunt,¹ statim, combustis tentoriis & aliis defensionibus ligneis, quibus se ab insultibus opidanorum defenderant, recesserunt sine ordine, ut homines confusi & devicti. Et si adfuissent de
- 20 bonis viris CC equestres, plurimos de exercitu, ut creditur, prostrassent. Set illi cives obsessi² duos dumtaxat equos habuerunt infra civitatem. Cives isti semper manserunt fideles tanto tempore hujus gravissimae persecutionis; et venientes ex haereticis ad eos, ut suam haeresim praedicarent, quosdam igni tradiderunt, quosdam amputatis manibus & erutis oculis ad³ suos patriarchas haereticos remisierunt. Racione cujus facti haeretici acrius eos invaserunt, erantque eis magis infesti, ignem minantes & mortem. Set Deus misertus est populi sui, & ipsos per undecim menses adjuvit, ut in omnibus insultibus cotidianis non sunt ex omnibus opidanis sex mortui, pluribus ex haereticis prostratis. Et tandem die sancta dominica post Ascensionem domini placuit
- 30 Altissimo eos eripe[re] de manibus inimicorum. Acta sunt hec sive ista in Bo[emia] anno domini millesimo ccccxxxiii circa festum Ascensionis domini, prout superius annotatur, et relata reve[ra] coram toto consilio Basiliensi in congregatione generali die vicesima octava Maii, per reverendum magistrum dominum Johannem de Pallamore, auditorem curiae Apostolicae, & tunc legatum circa partes Boemiae ex parte cons . . . scuri praedicti.
- Et cognoscant vestre benevole fraternitates, quod h[ec] nova habuimus in scriptis in Colonia in die sanctorum Primi & Feliciani, ubi per octo dies expectavimus dominos subsequentes. Ad quam civitatem accedentes XL miliaria, propter guerras inter ducem Guldriae & ducem Montensem fuimus
- 40 in tanto periculo positi [ut] oporteret nos post Deum confidere in archubus & sagittis, non obstantibus salvis conductibus vivis & mortuis. Spem tamen posuimus, ponimus et ponemus in suffragiis sanctorum ecclesiae nostrae et vestris oracionibus specialem; per quae, Deo duce, salvi et incolumes praeservamur, quomodo revertemur ignorantes. Si non Deus [quicquam] solacii aliter disponat, pro nobis Novem . . . les sunt in consilio. Dominus Imperator est [in urbe] que vocatur Ulme, super flumen Danubii. Summus pontifex est in Roma. Et si nostri domini supervenisse[nt] nos fuissetus in consilio vel prope, Deo duce, ante datam presencium, ubi pluribus cognitis & auditis possemus dominos nostros & vos de novis contingentibus reddere cerciores.
- 50 Et quantum ad illa pertinet, retrahimus calamum cum salute, intimis cordis nostri affectibus desiderantes ut sancta religio, quam in exitu nostro pro tempore nostrae absentiae benevole promisistis, ad honorem Dei & profectum animarum vestrarum continue convalescat, & in gaudium amicorum, obprobrium malignancium, cum [re]mediis pacis & caritatis, indies augmentetur. Et de singulis pertinentibus ad gubernacionem ecclesiae exterius, simpliciter

¹ i. e. obsederunt.² i. e. obsessi.³ et, MS.

confidimus in habentibus potestatem. Et si quae fuerint inter vos nobis transmittenda inposterum [transm]ittantur primo Londonias ad Alexandrum de Albertinis, quia ejus eorum [sic] nuncii tempore guerre securius pertransibunt. Et de singulis peragendis vestris occupationibus, praesupposita sanitate, non intendimus vos per nostras litteras fatigare. Et si dominus meus singularissimus dominus Bathoniensis, vel dominus de Hungerford, ad vos declinaverint, ostendatis eis vultum, secundum ultimum potestatis vestrae. Et si majores supervenerint pro consilio habendo, mittatis ad dominum de Hungerford quam cito poteritis. Et salutetis merito salutandos.¹ Et valeatis sicut nos vellemus valere nosipsos, in corpore & anima vel toto composito. Scriptum apud 10
Coloniā in die Primi & Feliciani.²

Per Nicholaum abbatem Glaston'.

Hec sunt nomina Cardinalium residencium in consilio.

Cardinalis sancte [sic] primus presdens.

Cardinalis sancti Angeli secundus presdens & legatus.

Cardinalis Bononiensis.

Cardinalis Placentinus.

Cardinalis Rotomagensis.

Cardinalis Arelatensis.

Cardinalis sancti Petri ad Vincula.

Cardinalis Cipri.

Cardinalis Firmanus.

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In a later hand :—

The tenth day of October anno 2^o Eliz., Frenche Crownes and pystylettz were cryed lesse by a grote, so that the French Crowne was butt vis., the pystylett vs. x d.

June 2 (Mon.). Last night I spent the evening with Mr. Martin &c. in Cat Street.

Mr. Sam. Buckley now in Oxford to get Subscriptions for a new Ed. in Latin of Thuanus. The chief Editor (I am told) is Mr. Carte. I hear 30
Mr. Jebb hath also a great hand in it.

Mr. Sam Buckley is Gazetteer and undersecretary to L^d Townsend, and a Bookseller. He is a man by no means to be trusted.

The MS. account of the Wardrobe of Edw. the 2nd, when Prince of Wales, lent me Aug. 15, 1728, and which I returned Feb. 11 following, is the oldest thing of that kind Mr. Murray hath in his collection. Mr. Murray lent this book to Mr. Anstis, when he was publishing his History of the Garter, who, he thinks, approved of it.

June 3 (Tu.). It was reported that Mr. (commonly called Dr.) Jebb's wife's fortune was 10 thousand libs., but now 'tis said two thousand libs. 40
Not finding any great account either in the profession of a Divine or an Author, he now practiseth Physick & is settled at Stratford near London, by the recommendation of Dr. Mead, in whose house he lived lately & who himself had formerly much practise in that place.

St. Thomas of Acre's Chappell on the south side of Cheapside. The Serjeants at Law used formerly to go thither at their Creation, and there kneel and praie and give their Almes. In a folio paper MS. containing

¹ salutandis, MS.

² Apparently the MS. was frayed at the edges. The missing letters have been tentatively restored between square brackets.—Ed.

among other things, *The form of the election and the creation of Sergeants*, lent me by Dr. Tanner, Frid., May 2, 1729, fol. 20^a.

At the beginning of this year, in the Papers for January 4th, was printed a speech of my friend Benedict Leonard Calvert, Esq., to the General Assembly of Maryland, complaining of many Differences subsisting there, and in the close he told them that his frequent indispositions would occasion his stay to be very short. This speech I have not yet seen. I hear one of his brothers is gone over.

June 4 (Wed.). Yesterday, talking with Mr. James Gibson, of
10 Wootton Underwood in Bucks., about Dionysius's *Periegesis*, he told me (but how he heard it I know not, for I never heard it before) that the very learned Preface (so he called it) to Hill's Ed. of that Book, was written by Mr. Dodwell.

[From Fogg's Journal, May 31, 1729, an account of a cyclone at Bexhill, Sussex, omitted.]

June 5 (Thur.). Many years agoe the publick Prints had signified that Dr. W^m King, archbishop of Dublin, was dead, but 'twas a mistake, and he did not die 'till very lately (about six weeks ago) being of an advanced age, & whereas formerly a bad Character had been given of him,
20 now the Papers were lavish in his Commendation for Generosity, Hospitality, and Charity. What is to be believed I know not. This I know, that he was in his younger days utterly ignorant of the Greek Tongue, ^{weh} he therefore learned, when at Dublin, of Mr. Dodwell, that he was a time-server, and having acted in favour of rebellion, could not look the conscientious Nonjurors in the face, as may be partly seen in what I have observed at the end of the vith Volume of Leland's *Collectanea*.

June 6 (Fri.). Mr. Fr. Taylour of Univ. Coll. told me last night that there are at the Lodgings of Univ. Coll. a vast number of Ant. Wood's MSS. Papers, enough to fill two sacks, ^{weh} they intend to put into the
30 Ashm. Museum, to be placed with his other papers, a great long Box full whereof was ¹ there deposited since the death of Dr. Charlett. I should have been glad to look them all over and make Extracts from them, but this is a Favour they envy & I did not indeed so much as insinuate that I had the least desire to see such Papers, especially since I have so much other business upon my hands, as will hardly leave me at liberty to peruse them.

Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. rode to Fairford last Wedn. and returned

June 6 [1729]. Ja. Gibson to H. (Rawl. 6. 76^b). 'I beg the favour of you, so far as it shall ly in your way, to recommend the sale of my book. Your understanding the title of it to be *Exceptions against Grammar*, I look upon as a great mistake. *Grammaticalis* has no such signification, nor ever had; however, the whole tenour of my book is for Grammar and for Lillie's above any other; only I would have no unnecessary alterations made in it. I suppose Mr. Buckley was at Oxford about the dispersing of their new Grammar.'

¹ were, MS.

last night, and hath made observations upon the place (w^{ch} he went to on purpose to see it) relating to several particulars that have fallen out since I was there.

June 7 (Sat.). Mr. Hutchinson of Hart Hall, who put out Xenophon's *Κυροπ.*,¹ hath just put to the Theater Press another Piece of that Author, viz. his *Ἀνάβασις*, intending to go on with the rest of his works. But Dr. Wells took a much better method in publishing Xenophon's Works, viz. in 8^{vo}, by the direction of the late Dr. Henry Aldrich, Dean of X^t Ch., w^{ch} Ed. is now grown scarce.

June 8 (Sun.). From Fog's Journal for Sat., June 7, 1729:—

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London, June 7. Mr. Adams has won his wager of £50 by riding a mare 1,000 miles on Newmarket Heath in less than 1,000 hours, he having performed it in 24 days, w^{ch} is about 800 hours.

Her Majesty, who had been greatly indisposed of an Ague and Pleurisy, attended with the Gout, has found much Relief by an Emetick, and by bleeding, and has begun to see Company. Her Royal Highness, the Princess Amelia, has also been very ill of a Fever and Pleurisy, but is much better.

June 9 (Mon.). On Friday last the Widow of the late Dr. George Smalridge, Dean of X^t Church and Bp of Bristol, was buried in X^t Ch. Cathedral by her Husband. She died near London.

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Last night I spent the evening in Cat Street in company of Dr. Richard Richardson of Yorkshire, Mr. Martin and many others. Dr. Richardson hath brought another son to Oxford. He mentioned an old Inscription that he was told was a thousand three hundred and odd years old, but when he come (*sic*) to cleanse it, he found to be of the year 1322.

Mr. Martin designs an Edition of Virgil's Georgicks in Lat. and English. He finds great fault with that done by one Benson.

Mr. Martin thinks that Sir Hans Sloane's collection of Fossils exceeds that of the late Dr. Woodward's (*sic*), tho' he says he cannot yet judge, 30 they being at present locked up and in confusion, and no access to them. Dr. Richardson, an intimate Friend of Sir Hans's, seems to think in these things that Dr. Woodward is exceeded by Sir Hans.

Mr. Martin shewed me a little printed Paper last night, being the statutes of Trin. Coll., Camb., so far as they affect the case of Dr. Bentley.

June 7, 1729. T. Carte at Crouch End, near Highgate, to H. (Rawl. 4. 31). Hoped to have been in Oxford before now, but is detained by Thuanus, and will be kept until September. Thuanus, quoting Rossi, says that Lady Jane Grey at the time of the death of Ed. VI was at *Flora*, a castle of the Duke of Northumberland seven miles from London, and that Dudley Earl of Leicester died Sept. 4, 1588, *Ulstochii* near Langley in Oxfordshire; Dugdale says at Cornbury Park. Would be glad to know where these places are. Sends subscriptions for himself and the Marquis d'Aubais by Sir John Morgan. [Endorsed 'Received by Sir John Morgan July 15.']

¹ i. e. the Cyropaedia, issued in 1727. It seems that the Anabasis was not issued until 1735.—Ed.

What Mr. Baker sent me from the Arundel Register, ^{wch} were three remarkable Extracts, I shall print at the end of Vita Ricardi II.

Mr. Dale, who does Silas Taylor's Antiquities of Harwich, I found by Mr. Martin is no Scholar, but a sort of Apothecary and Presbyterian and adds many Things to it relating to Natural History.

Mr. Young, a very honest Roman Catholick, who lives near Lambourne in Berks., is a very curious man and hath many ancient coins, several of ^{wch} are Greek, and abundance of Natural Rarities. Mr. Fetherstone, a Lancashire man of Birth, lived lately with him, an ingenious Franciscan ;
 10 where he is now, I know not. Neither can I learn where Mr. Parkinson is, another ingenious learned Franciscan.

I look upon Mr. Abr. Woodhead to have been much the greatest man in England in his time, both as a Christian and Scholar.

June 10 (Tu.). One Dr. George is now Head Schoolmaster of Eaton, a little, poor, despicable man, as I am told, who is one of those created Doctors at Cambridge, when the Duke of Brunswick, commonly called K. George II, was there. He is a man of so little authority in the School that he is as it were quite weary of it already. Nor indeed had the late Master, Dr. Bland, much authority there. They have both behaved
 20 themselves ridiculously, ^{wch} hath made them (and particularly the latter) much reflected upon.

June 11 (Wed.). Remember to enquire of the Earl of Oxford about a Print (I am told) he hath of Richard II, done by Hollar from the old Painting in the Hands of the Earl of Pembroke. This is the only Print I ever heard of.

Fr. Junius in his Preface to his Glossarium Gothicum, printed at the end of Marshall's Saxon and Gothic Gospells, makes a mistake in saying that Somner's Saxon Dictionary was printed at Cambridge, when 'twas really done at Oxford.

30 Junius hath there given us a very useful Catalogue of Saxon Books, &c., he made use of in compiling that Glossary, all or most of ^{wch} are now in the Bodleian Library.

June 12 (Thur.). An acquaintance of Mr. Tho. Carte's, who has had occasion formerly to consult & make some transcripts from the Red Book of the Exchequer, chiefly with regard to the Scutages, has an inclination to be at the expence of compleating his transcript from the original itself, if I have no intentions to publish it, but if I have, Mr. Carte says, it will probably put a stop to his further proceeding in that affair. Mr. Carte's Letter from London, Mar. 11, 1728^g.

40 Were the Red Book, or a perfect Transcript thereof, sent me, 'tis probable I should be very much inclined to print it. The MS. I had (with a compleat copy of the Black Book) from Lord Oxford, contains only some Extracts from the Red Book, and therefore I copied nothing from it.

Mr. Robt Wood told me yesterday that his Uncle Ant. Wood was

June 12, 1729. N. Booth to H. (Rawl. 28. 24) [*see* Diary, June 14 and 15].

a wonderfull Pryer, that he used to go out by himself in by-Places, wore his hat over his eyes, seemed to take notice of nothing & to know nothing, and yet he took notice of everything and knew everything.

Ask Mr. Graves whether he hath any curious remarks about St. Briavells, St. Brevials or St. Breulais Castle in Gloucestershire. It is now demolished. It stood in a woody place among Tufts of Trees. It stood upon an high Hill.

Dr. Richardson of Yorkshire tells me of two Urns, a large & small one, found about half a year since at Eccleshill near Bradford in Yorkshire. He takes them to be Danish. They were found upon the top of a Hill, ¹⁰ as they were digging for the Foundations of a small cottage, and probably there may be more of them, if farther search were made. In the larger were found the blades, being brass, of several knives (he thinks 3 or 4) & black and white burnt bones. The Urns were of a coarse earth; the bigger holds about a gallon. The Dr. hath them & the Knives & Bones.

June 13 (Fri.). Yesterday, Dr. Richardson (who went from Oxford to-day, going to Wimbledon in Surrey) told me that Mr. Lhuyd's collection of Fossils in the Ashm. Museum far exceeds that in the same place of Dr. Plot. Dr. Richardson spent the whole day Wednesday last in looking them both over. ²⁰

Last Wednesday being George II's Inauguration, the Sermon before the Univ. at St. Marie's was preached by Mr. Jones of Balliol College.

June 14 (Sat.). Nathaniel Booth, of Gray's Inn, Esq., wants to know of me whether there be not such a Book in the Bodleian Library as *Lucianus de laudibus Cestriae*, & whether printed or MS.

There is such a MS. there (for 'twas never printed) mentioned in p. 153 of the printed Catalogue, no. 3005. 16.

Nicolson in his Historical Library, ed. fol., p. 11, speaks of it thus: 'Cheshire was long since described by Lucian, a monk, soon after the Conquest, whose work is cited by Camden as a piece of great rarity ³⁰ and good value.'

In the said Library is another MS. copy of the same Book mentioned in the Catalogue, p. 258, among Dr. Ric. James's Coll., vol. 2, num. 24.

I have often looked over both, particularly the first, w^{ch} is ancient and may be the very MS. Camden used.

When I was about Leland's Itinerary, Mr. Henry Prescott, the Chester Antiquary, wrote to his son Mr. John Prescott, then of X^t Ch., about it. Upon w^{ch} the Son came to me to the Library. I shewed him the MS. He perused it and found it to answer the Title very little and that there was hardly any thing of value in it besides the passage Camden had pub- ⁴⁰ lished. And this was my opinion also. For w^{ch} reason Mr. Prescott concerned himself no further about it. Had I found the rest equal to that passage, I had published the Book.

Yesterday died Mrs. Peck, daughter-in-law ¹ of Dr. Newton, Principal of Hart Hall. She was aged about 40, was a very pretty Woman some

June 14, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 47) [see Diary, June 19, 20, 22, and 23].

¹ By daughter-in-law he means step-daughter.—Ed.

years since, but died never married. [Carried out of Town to be buried in Northamptonshire, Monday morning early, June 16.]

Yesterday also died Mr. John Hart, a fuller of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford. [Buried Sunday night, June 15, in St. Peter's Church Yard.]

June 15 (Sun.). Mr. N. Boothe of Gray's Inn, in his Letter to me of the 12th, observes that the many great performances of mine in literature, and in particular in reviving the Antiquities of this nation far beyond any before me, and he says he may say our celebrated Camden, makes him
10 trouble me about *Lucianus de laudibus Cestrie*.

He says he travaille very much in Inquiries of this kind, being of the Society of Antiquaries.

From Fog's Journal for Saturday, June 14 :—

The Duke of Devonshire being dead, has left a year's wages to all his servants, and ordered that his Pictures, together with his fine collections of Medals and other Rarities, shall not be disposed of, but kept in the same order as he had ranged them in his life-time.

June 16 (Mon.). On Saturday last, Dr. Potter, B^p of Oxford's eldest Daughter, a very pretty young woman, was married to one
20 Tenison, not of the Family of the late Archbishop Tenison.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath sent me the Impression of a seal in copper with this Inscription : *Sigillum domini Johannis Whyte, episcopi Clonfertensis*, a bishoprick in Ireland. It was found lately in digging up ground for a little garden in Sponend, Coventry, where there are no marks of any former buildings, as Mr. Ward's friend writes him word, for he hath not yet seen it.¹

June 17 (Tu.). John of Stunsfield is the most famous man for musick on the Tabour and Pipe that hath been for ages. He was born at Stunsfield, near Woodstock, and being a Bastard and a Foundling,
30 they gave him the sirname (*sic*) of Stunsfield. He used to be sent for far and near, and he got a great deal of money, so that growing rich, he married a Wife (an Eynsham Woman) and then removed to Eynsham, where he now lives and hath done many years, and seldome now takes journies in order to play, but keeps for the most part at home, being (as he says) 70 years of age, tho' his House is still pretty much frequented by Gentlemen, partly for the sake of himself and partly (and indeed more) for the sake of his neece (*sic*), a young pretty girl, to whom he designs to leave what he hath, after a proper provision for his wife, by whom he hath had no children.

40 Finding by some MSS. notes of Dr. Plot, that a Woman of Bradgar in Kent was Christened by the name of Samuel, and that 'tis rarely known that any one born in the parish of Marston in Kent ever comes to the age of 21 years, I wrote to my Friend the Rev. Mr. Thomas Allen, rector of Murston near Sittingbourne in that County, about both these particulars,

¹ '1446-7, John With, a Franciscan Friar, formerly Provincial of his Order, was elected Bishop, but either he declined the dignity, or else he resigned it almost immediately afterwards.' (*Fasti Ecclesiae Hibernicae*, vol. iv, p. 164.) This seal proves that With did not decline the dignity.—Ed.

who tells me in his Letter of Ap. 9, 1729, that as for my enquiry concerning Mr^s. Samuel of Breadgar, the Minister of the Parish knows nothing of any such thing so much as by hearsay ; and for that concerning Murston, he can assure me 'tis false, & he believes groundless, there being now therein (*sic*) two or three women between 30 and 40 years of age that were hardly ever out of it, and he cannot find it hath been without such these hundred years.

But here Mr. Allen mistakes me. For I did not enquire after Murston or Merston in the Lathe of Scray, but after Marston or Merston in the Lathe of Aylesford. I must therefore enquire further of him.

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This day, in the morning, died Mr. Mashbourn, millener, the mace-bearer of Oxford, in an advanced age.

On Friday night last, Browne Willis called upon me at six Clock at Edmund Hall, and told me Mr. Wilmot, one of our Oxford booksellers, had bought the late S^r W^m Glynne's books, printed and MSS., and that amongst them was lying Bale *de scriptoribus Brit.* with MSS. notes by Bale's own hand, for w^{ch} said Wilmot asked ten guineas.

Yesterday I called upon Wilmot and saw some few of the Books, but could not prevail with him to shew me the rest. One of the books I saw was the said Bale. I looked it over and found Wilmot very 20 positive for ten guineas, saying that if he had advertized it (as he designed to do) he did not doubt but he should have twenty guineas for it. To-day I called upon him again, & found him stiff for ten Guineas, tho' I shewed him, that the five last centuries (there being fourteen in all, whereas this book contains only nine) are wanting in it.

The MSS. notes are but few and of no great moment. 'Tis the very book Dr. Kennett mentions as his own, in his Remarks relating to Bishop Merkes, and yet 'twas really S^r W^m Glynne's. At the beginning the Dr. hath transcribed a Letter, or rather part of a Letter, he had in 1715 from my friend Mr. Thomas Baker of Cambridge, in w^{ch} 30 Mr. Baker (to whom he had lent the book) observes that he knows the hand (he being well acquainted with it) to be Bale's, that the notes are but few (nothing near so many as he expected), that 'tis however a Rarity and a book of good use.

I should not be willing to give more than two Guineas at farthest for it, that being a good round Price, considering the imperfection of the Book.

June 18 (Wed.). I saw at Wilmot's also Polychronicon printed by Winken de Worde, fair but wormeaten much, for w^{ch} he asks 4 guineas ; Fabian's Chronicle, very fair, 4 guineas ; Camden's Angl. Norm., &c., 40 3 guineas ; Caxton's Chronicle (of Winken de Worde's Impression), very fair, no price ; Dr. Davies's Welsh Dictionary, 30 shillings ; Holinshed's Chronicle, 2 vols., 1st Ed., no price ; Burton's Leicestershire, a guinea.

This day I wrote to Mr. Allen of Kent and, among other things, sent this Clause : 'I must withall Desire another favour of you, and that is to inform me somewhat about the Fanatical Wiclevist J. Lewis, and whether he be really a Graduate or were of any University. He is a man that bears no good Character among any that I can learn, either for Learning, Sense, or Principles.'

June 19 (Thur.). Mr. Baker tells me by Letter from Cambridge of June 14, that they have two copies of Caxton's *Tully de Senectute* amongst the late B^p of Ely's books. They both seem to him to be perfect, & yet both begin with the Prohemye, *Here begynneth the Prohemye*, &c. One of these copies has a blanck Leafe of the same Paper with the rest of the Book & looks as if nothing were wanting. The other has two leaves of clean Paper prefixt and [they] had undoubtedly been added. It is certain it is no unusuall thing for old Editions to want Title pages. Yet my L^d Oxford's copy wanting the first Leaf of the same paper with the rest of the
 10 book, I even for that reason judge it imperfect, this very Leaf of the same Paper being the only proof of the perfection of the Copies, w^{ch} are otherwise justly doubted, for w^{ch} reason I suppose Mr. Tho. Rawlinson did not (as he otherwise used) write at the beginning of his copy (now my L^d Oxford's) *C & P* or *collated & perfect*.

June 20 (Fri.). Having mentioned Dr. Woodward's coins to Mr. Baker, he thereupon at the same time sent me Mr. Hadderton's account in his own words, viz.: 'as to Dr. Woodward's coins, Mr. Miller (his neighbor & particular Acquaintance for 30 years past, who often went abroad with him to gather Fossils, and assisted him often in packing up boxes,
 20 to be sent abroad to Professors & curious persons, & presented him himself with a Drawer or two from the West Indies), at the time he came down hither with the last Cabinets to unpack & dispose the Fossils into their proper places, told us that Dr. Woodward, tho' he did collect some medals yet never kept them himself, but presented them commonly to Foreigners & others, & had Fossils or other things in exchange for them.'

Mr. Baker is glad, as well for my sake as for the sake of the Public, that the MS. from whence I publisht *Fordun* proves so good a one (even the very best in the World, as may be gathered from Mr. Innes's two 8^{vo} volumes of *Scottish Affairs*, tho' Mr. Baker hath not as yet seen them)
 30 tho' he always thought it to be a good one. He believes Dr. Gale bought it cheap, as he did many other Books. Mr. Baker is sure the Publisher (meaning me) deserved a good Reward.

'Tis very true, that Dr. Gale got his Books (particularly his MSS.) cheap, as I often heard it said by Mr. Bagford, and indeed many of them he had for nothing, from the Parents of youths that were his Scholars when he was master of Paul's school.

June 21 (Sat.).

[From Fog's Journal, an account of the discovery of three Roman jars at Braughing, Herts., on June 14.]

40 **June 22 (Sun.).** On Friday last Mr. Kirby was elected Mace-bearer of the City of Oxford in room of Mr. Mouldin,¹ deceased.

Yesterday, in the Forenoon, called upon me one Mr. Durant, a French Refugee Clergyman, who hath printed and published two little folio Books in French about painting. He is now upon an Ed. of Pliny's *Nat. His-*

June 19, 1729. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 255). Has received a letter from Mr. Baker, saying that Murray had been expected at Cambridge for a long time.

¹ He is named Mashbourn p. 147, line 11.—Ed.

tory in Latin, and pretends to make great Corrections upon Harduin. He is consulting what is in Corpus X^{ti} and other Places in Oxford of note upon this Author. He hath but an indifferent opinion of his countryman, Mr. John Masson, looking upon him as an heavy, dull, injudicious Writer. For w^{ch} reason (he says) his Things do not sell.

Mr. Baker hath not yet seen, nor can he meet with, the printed extracts from Trin. Coll. Statutes, shewed me by Mr. Martin; but he hath desired Mr. Parne and Mr. Bell to help him to a Copy, w^{ch} if they can procure, he will send it to me by the Carrier. There being a great Blunder by printing from an imperfect copy, has occasioned these Extracts to be suppress¹⁰ or seen.¹ Mr. Baker has a better Copy of their Statutes than they have in their Library.

In the Refectory of Merton Coll., at the upper end, is an old carved piece of work (w^{ch} is newly painted) with I. H. S. and the date 1540.

The Windows of the Refectory were all formerly finely painted with Inscriptions and Arms, but most now is broke. In one of Windows is . . . Nele, shewing that that was done by one Nele. I wish I could see Mr. A. Wood's History of this College.

June 23 (Mon.). About two months since died Mr. Charles Usher, formerly Fellow elect of Univ. Coll. but ejected by the contrivance of Dr. 20 Charlett, & afterwards by the same contrivance expelled the University. He was a very ingenious, worthy man. Mention hath been made of him formerly.

Mr. Baker, in his Letter of June 14, 1729: 'Mr. Lightwine, Fellow of Caius Coll., Executor to Dr. Brady, possesst of his papers, died here this week, after he had lived some years an animal Life. I will enquire after his Papers, but I am told he used to entertain his vacant hours in burning Papers, & had burnt a Bond of 500 lib^s., had he not been accidentally prevented. This makes me afraid of living too long. I am likewise told that Mr. Hungerford [an eminent, ancient Lawyer] has left two-thirds of 30 his Estate to King's College, under some Conditions, w^{ch} I have not heard, and the other third part to Dr. Mangey, after the death of his widow. This too is somewhat odd, & yet I believe it is true.'

June 24 (Tu.). On Saturday night last (June 21) died (tho' the Bells did not ring till next morning) Mr. John Brabourne, M.A., at his house in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, and was carried out of Towne yesterday in the afternoon, and buried at Sutton near Abbingdon in Berks., by his Wive's Relations. This Person was son of the late Dr. John Brabourne, Principal of New Inn Hall, and took the Degree of M.A. as a member of that Hall, on June 25, 1717. About 3 or 4 years 40 since, or more, he married a very pretty Woman, one M^{rs}. Justice, the second of three sisters (the other two being also very handsome), who was very fond of him, as he also sometimes seemed to be of her, tho' at first (particularly at Charlbury, of w^{ch} his Father was Rector) he was dogged

June 24, 1729. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 197) [see Diary, July 1].

¹ i. e. 'suppress ere seen.'—Ed.

and cross to her. He was a man of no Learning, minded hunting and sporting, and was an excessive drinker, w^{ch} cut him off in the prime of his age, he being 36 years of age, or something more. He had for some time been a Proctor in the Vice-Chancellour's Court.

Mr. Kirby, the new Mace-bearer of Oxford, having at the time of his Election been the Mayor's Serjeant, yesterday Mr. Mace, an honest Shoemaker by Cairfax, was elected Mayor's Serjeant in his room, in opposition to one Mr. Osbaldeston and one Platin (the former a Tallow Chandler, the latter a Taylour) and he (Mr. Mace) had more votes than both
10 of them.

June 25 (Wed.). On Monday last in the afternoon, Mr. Richmond, a Batchelor of Arts of Brasnose Coll., was drowned at Newnam Lock near Oxford, as he was bathing himself with several other young Gentlemen of that College. He could not swim and yet ventured at a very bad place out of his depth. Mr. Ing, a newly entred Gentleman Commoner of the same College, had like to have been drowned at the same time, being not able to swim neither. This Mr. Richmond had an Exhibition of the College of 40 or 50 libs. per an. and likewise a Scholarship of about 10 libs. per an. He was a young Gent. of a very good Character
20 and his loss is lamented by all that knew him. He was buried last night at Brasnose about 10 Clock.

June 26 (Thur.). To the Rev. Mr. Edward Gardiner, in Guttur Lane, near Cheapside, London: 'Rev. Sir, I desire you would not forget (what you partly promised) to send me a Catalogue of all the Things your old friend Mr. Francis Fox hath published. I had many Things to say to you, had not you (it may be for fear of entering into Antiquity) avoided the conversation of your humble servant, Tho. Hearne. Edmund Hall, June 26, 1729.'

NB. Upon second thoughts I did not send this Letter.

30 The said Mr. Edward Gardiner was born in Guttur Lane, afterwards prenticed to a Cutler in London, left his Master after he had served two or three years, came to Oxford, entered of Edmund Hall, was servitour to Dr. Mill, took the Degree of Bach. of Arts A. D. 1702, left the University without determining, went into Orders & had some small Business as he hath still, being now one of the Readers at Bow Church in London, went to Cambridge & took the degree there of M.A. as a member of Catharine Hall, as he told me on Tuesday morning the 17th inst., when he called upon me & staid with me a little time, having come from London the day before, and he went for London again early this morning. He entered
40 himself anew of Edmund Hall the said 17th inst. & lived all the time there in Dr. Felton's Lodgings, with whom he chiefly conversed. This Mr. Gardiner is a very soft, weak man, and looked upon as a proper Companion for Dr. Felton.

June 27 (Fri.). I wrote to-day to Dr. Ralph Bridges, to know of him what progress his brother, my late worthy friend, John Bridges, Esq., made in his design of having exact Draughts taken of the Arundel Statues in my L^d Lempster's gardens in Northamptonshire.

Also I desired to know of the Dr. what things himself hath published,

besides his Sermon (w^{ch} I have) preached on Act Sunday, 1724, before the Univ. of Oxford. This request (I told him) I made that he might appear among the Worthies of the Univ. of Oxford, when a continuation should be published of the *Athenae & Fasti Oxon.*

June 28 (Sat.). Old Mr. W^m Joyner, who lived in the latter part of his time in Holywell and dyed there, was one of the most retired men I have known. He was so devout and religious a man, that I have been told he spent almost the greatest part of his time upon his knees, upon w^{ch} he was always found, if it happened that any one peeped in at his door. He was a large man, very cheerful and pleasant, and dyed singing an hymn. Tho' he were a zealous Roman Catholick, yet he lived very quietly, and was not of the number of those that were for creating disturbances. 10

June 29 (Sun.). [The dimensions of St. Peter's at Rome 'from a modern MS. lent me by Thomas Ward, Esq., viz. M^r. Newton's Travells, Mar. 16, 1637'; omitted.]

June 30 (Mon.). I think M^r. Baker formerly told me he hath a copy of Bale's MSS. notes upon his [Bale's] book *de scriptoribus*, belonging to B^p Kennett. I have this day desired M^r. Baker to let me know, whether that Copy had all the 14 centuries or only the nine 20 first.

On Saturday last was in Oxford, and went out of Town yesterday in the afternoon, the Duke of Buckingham, with his mother, Catherine the Dutchess Dowager. They came to find if any College might be judged proper in Oxford for the Duke to be entered in. This Dutchess Dowager is Natural Daughter to K. James II, then Duke of York, being born in 1683, by Catherine Sidley, whom he created Countess of Dorchester, permitted to bear his Arms, and dignified by the Title of a Duke's Daughter, with the surname Darnley. She hath been a very fine Lady, and was first married in 1699 to James, late Earl of Anglesea, but 30 separated from him by the unanimous consent of Parliament for his cruelty and causeless ill-usage.

July 1 (Tu.). My L^d Oxford, in his Letter from London, June 24 last, tells me he hath such a print of Ric. II done by Hollar, as I mentioned to him, and that my L^d Pembroke has the original Painting. He says the Picture is a very great curiosity. He says M^r. Vertue (who is now at Oxford) can give me the best account of this Picture and Print;

June 28, 1729. S. Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 4. 83). Thanks H. for supplying copies of the Life of Alfred, and the Letter of Antiquities. [See Letter of May 26.]

July 1, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 150). 'What you mention in relation to Bale's book about Sir John Oldcastle is very just, tho' our London booksellers are above any correction or reproof. They have just now reprinted Roper's life of Sir Thomas More, to which are added from Sir Thomas's English Works some letters of his referred to in the account of his Life. [In] the Preface, one J. Lewis pretends this is printed from a more correct copy than your edition, & is not wanting in an abusive manner to censure both

if he does not satisfy me, my L^d will endeavour to send me the best account of his print.

My L^d hath seen another copy of Caxton's *Tully de Senectute*, and it begins as that we^h his Lordship lent me. This did belong to General Fairfax.

July 2 (Wed.). Memorandum to ask Mr. Murray what sort of MSS. notes those are we^h he formerly told me he has upon *Caius de antiquitate Academiae Cantabrigiensis*. Also to ask Mr. Graves to inspect the MSS. notes Mr. Ballard of Campden hath upon the same Book.

- 10 **July 3 (Thur.).** Last night I spent the evening with Mr. Vertue, Mr. Whiteside only being with us. Mr. Vertue, since he hath been at Oxford, rode to Gloucester to see the statue or figuer (*sic*) there of Edw. II, he having a design to engrave the Heads of all the Kings & Queens since the Conquest.

Mr. Vertue took Burford in his way to Gloucester and saw & took a sketch with the inscriptions of it of Hans Holbein's painting of the Family of Sir Thomas More, in the hands of Mr. Lenthall. Mr. Vertue mightily commends it. It being a Family piece, and only lent to old Lenthall, it really belongs to some one of the Descendants of the Mores.

- 20 Mr. Vertue suggested that the Picture of Sir Thomas More (in the Bodl. Gallery), done by Mary More, is really the Picture of Thomas Cromwell.

He said L^d Pembroke's old painting of Ric. II is really very fine, and represents the King as a most beautifull Prince. He said it belonged formerly to the Crown. He said L^d Oxford's Print thereof by Hollar is also excellent.

He said one Stone was a most famous mason & associate with Inigo Jones, the great Architect. This Stone did the Gate of the Physick Garden at Oxford, as appears from an original MS. that Mr. Vertue hath,

yourself and Mr. Jeremy Collier. This book, which one would have thought could only be printed by Curl, is put to the Press by Mess^{rs}. Page, Mount, Osburn and Longman. Who this Lewis is, I know not; by the Booksellers I guess it to be the Author of the Antiquities of the Isle of Tanet &c. . . . The good hand Dr. Rawlinson tells you was the publisher of Sir John Oldcastle is Mr. Blackbourn, a Nonjuring Clergyman, who is the Common Corrector of our modern Booksellers' Presses. . . . I have a MS. about the year 1340, wherein are many things relating to the Controversy between the Abbat and Convent of St. Alban's and the Townsmen of that Place.'

Draft of Hearne's reply: 'I do not wonder at the abuse you speak of (for I have not seen the book) since I have often heard he is a silly Fellow. A man of common sense would have been content to have stolen, without otherwise abusing the person he robbed. He is an enemy to Antiquity & is for altering Originals. His Catechism, I am assured, was stole, & his books in which he pretends to History and Antiquity I find are in no esteem.'

July 2, 1729. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 111). Sends £5 15s. 6d. The copies of *Vita Ricardi II* may be sent to Mr. Motts, bookseller, near Temple Bar. [See also Diary, July 4.]

July 3, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 121) [see Diary, July 13 and July 17].

in w^{ch} Stone put down or entered all, or at least most, of his Works. It is a common tradition that Inigo Jones did the said Gate, and there is no doubt but 'twas his design. The same is to be said of Inigo's design at St. John's College, tho' perhaps even Stone might be the mason.

July 4 (Fri.). Dr. Ralph Bridges tells me in a Letter from South Weald in Essex, July 2, 1729, that his late Brother (John Bridges, Esq.) had all or most (he is not positive) of the Arundel Statues in L^d Lemster's Garden, taken by the hand of the famous Pet. Tillemans. The Draughts are in the Custody of his Executor, W^m Bridges, Esq., of Highgate. He tells me that his Sermon, preached by him June 25, 1727, on the Accession 10 of his present Majesty to the Throne (he means the Duke of Brunswick), and the other Sermon at Oxford in 1724 on Act Sunday, are all (and enough too) that he hath printed.

July 5 (Sat.). Among other Books of Sr William Glynne's, that Mr. Wilmot purchased lately, was *The Customs of London*, w^{ch} is a wonderfull rare book. This I bought of Wilmot for a Guinea and an half. It hath been sold for five Guineas and sometimes at three. It is sometimes called Rich. Arnold's Chronicle, from one Richard Arnold, citizen of London, to whom the MS. had belonged, & all the particulars in the book had been penned down either by himself or by his order. It is 20 the oddest book that ever I saw, containing (besides the Laws, Constitutions, Customs, Charters, and Liberties of the City of London) great variety of other matters, nothing belonging to the City of London, such as Bills, Bonds, Acquittances, Directions for Brewing, making Ink, the ballad of the Nutbrown Maid, &c.: so that the Book is printed just as 'twas written, without omitting or altering any Thing. I never saw but two copies of it before, viz. one in the Bodleian, the other in Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Library, Oxford. My copy begins just as that mentioned in p. 56, vol. 93 of these Memoirs, so that tho' the first signature of my Copy be A. ii, yet the leaf that is wanting was only a Blank Leaf, it being usual in old printed 30 books to begin so, and to leave a blank leaf, an instance of w^{ch} we have in my Lord Oxford's copy of Caxton's Tully de Senectute. When I was printing Leland's Itinerary, Mr. Hinton of Corpus X^{ti} College told me he would shew me the oddest printed book I ever saw, from w^{ch}, he said, I might extract many things to my purpose, in order to w^{ch} he offered to get the book to his Chamber, where I might use it when and as often as I pleased. Upon w^{ch} I went to the Library with Mr. Hinton, but finding it to be the *Customs of London*, I told him I would forbear troubling him, since there was one in the Publick Library, w^{ch} I often used to consult, otherwise I would take the advantage of his kind offer & take great 40 pleasure in perusing it & transcribing things from it. Remember to ask Mr. Murray, how many Editions there be (for I think I have heard him say there be two or three) of this Book, & whether his copy hath a blank Leaf at the beginning. In this odd Book is contained a Register of the names of Baylifs, Custos [*sic*], Mairs and Sherfs of the City of London from the time of King Ric. I, anno 1189, unto the fourth year of King Hen. VI, anno 1426; folio, without date or place where printed. Yet I think 'twas printed at London about the year 1521.

July 6 (Sun.). Mr. Wilmot told me he sold (I know not to whom) Caxton's Chronicle of Winken de Word's Edition for three Guineas ('tho at first he had insisted upon four Guineas) purely because I had told him (what he did not know himself) that it was not Caxton's own Edition.

July 7 (Mon.). Wickliff and his doctrines are clearly, truly and sufficiently laid open in a particular Discourse at the end of Harpsfeld's *Historia Anglicana Ecclesiastica*, where is also an excellent but short account of the Divorce of Q. Catharine from Hen. VIII.

July 8 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. James Gibson of Wootton Underwood, 10 being in Oxford, told me that he and Dr. Grandorge (who is now Fellow of Magd. Coll.) being undergraduates, & both of Edm. Hall then, were servitours to Dr. John Mill, and that Mr. Grandorge took him (Mr. Gibson) once with him to the Schools to hear the famous Mr. Dodwell read an Historical Lecture, at ^{weh} time he said the school was so thronged and crowded that he never either saw or heard of the like, so that there was no standing with ease, ^{weh} made him get out (otherwise much against his will) before the Lecture (a most admirable one) was ended. At this time (he said) he took particular notice of Mr. Dodwell's pronouncing *paedagogus*, as if *go* were short & not long, but this he observed Mr. Dodwell did after 20 the manner of the Greeks, with whom it is παιδαγωγός. He said, he could not but take notice of this pronunciation in such a most eminent man.

July 9 (Wed.). Sr W^m Glynne, besides printed books, had divers MSS., whereof (at least of many of them) there is a printed Catalogue in the published Catalogue of MSS. drawn up by Dr. White Kennett. Some of these MSS. Mr. Wilmot had among the printed books, four or five of which I saw, tho' I cannot get a sight of them now, he having disposed of some & laid aside the rest, three or four persons being about a separate purchase of the MSS., ^{weh} (it seems) did not belong to Wilmot's bargain, and yet (as I remember) there was a note in the bottom of the 30 Catalogue shewed me by Wilmot, that there were about sixty MSS. said in it to be of no value, that were to go among the said MSS. Be it as it will, Mr. Wilmot told me yesterday that a thousand libs. are asked for the MSS.; most of them (if I may guess from the printed Catalogue) are of Law Matters.

Peter de Ickham was a Kentish man born. He flourished about the year 1264, & brought his Chronicle from Brute to the Reign of Edward I. This Chronicle is said to have been sometime in the Possession of Sr Simonds D'Ewes, as is noted by Br. Nicholson, Eng. Hist. Libr. p. 63, for ^{weh} he refers us to E. Gibson's Catal. Bibl. Tension, p. 26, and at the

July 6, 1729. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 66). Refers to some information, apparently about Ireland, which H. had given.

July 8, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 151). Has bought a perfect copy of *The Customs of London*. 'Mr. Vertue & Murray set out this day for Cambridge with a Felonious Intent to steal Father Baker's Face. Master Murray makes Oxford in his way back.'

July 8, 1729. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 198). Sends a Bank-note for £30 by the hand of Lord Dupplin, which he asks H. to accept.

same time Nicholson observes that perhaps 'tis the same Book w^{ch} Mr. Wharton (Angl. Sac^r. Par. I, p. 116) acquaints us is now at Lambeth.

Mr. Wharton's Quotation is in Latin, so I take it for granted the MS. at Lambeth is in Latin; but Mr. Wharton does not say that the book at Lambeth belonged to S^r Simonds; so that I am inclined to think L^d Oxford hath S^r Simonds's MS., for w^{ch} I must ask his L^dship, who hath promised to lend me anything.

July 10 (Thur.). There are two Editions of Dr. Heylin's History of St. George, the first London 1631, the second London 1633. The first making a great noise, occasioned Dr. Hakewell to make many objections ¹⁰ against it, for no manner of good reason, w^{ch} Dr. Heylin confuted in the second Edition. But tho' the second Ed. as to that particular be preferable to the first Ed., yet the first having occasioned the noise & it being that upon w^{ch} the King and Queen set a great value, as did likewise Archb^p. Laud, (and for that reason copies of it were finely bound & by their Order given to great persons), upon this account, I say, the first Ed. is to be much esteemed and to be prized above the second, tho' otherwise the second be the better Book.

July 11 (Fri.). This day I wrote to my L^d Oxford about his L^dship's MS. of Walter Coventry, who is characterized as a good Historian. ²⁰ I never saw but one MS. of him, w^{ch} was many years ago, viz. that in Bodley. There are Fragments of this Historian in Leland's Coll., vol. i, p. 284.

July 12 (Sat.). About three weeks since, Mr. Walter Powell, one of the yeomen Beadles of Oxford, was married to a Relation of his. This Mr. Walter Powell is a personable man, an excellent singer and very good-natured.

This day, from twelve a Clock till one, stood in the Pillory at Oxford one Hardway, a young single man of about 24 or 25 years of age, Clarke of St. Aldate's parish, Oxford, for the abominable Sin of Sodomy.

This day was presented, as Grand-Compounder, to the Degree of ³⁰ Dr. of Civil Law, Mr. William Standfast. He went out as a Member of University College, where he took the Degree of M.A., June 27, 1704, & that of Bach. of Physick, June 17, 1707. He practised Physick for some time at Nottingham, but at length he left off his practise of Physick, took holy Orders, and hath now two Parsonages. He is a single man.

July 13 (Sun.). This being Act Sunday, the sermon at St. Marie's in the Forenoon was preached before the University by Dr. Conybeare of Exeter College, and in the afternoon by Mr. Walwyn of University College.

Mr. Baker, at my Request, hath consulted for me (for I have not the ⁴⁰ book) S^r James Ware *de Praesulibus Hibernie*, but in his Catalogue there is no such Bishop as John Whyte at Clonfort. Mr. Baker thinks they kept up a succession of Bishops in some of the sees in Ireland after the Reformation. He may possibly have been one of the Popish Bishops. Mr. Baker's Letter of July 3, 1729.¹

NB. I am of Mr. Baker's mind, and I believe the Catholicks have

¹ But see Diary, June 16.—Ed.

constantly kept up a Succession both in England and Ireland, tho' we do not know the names.

Entered by White Kennett at the beginning of Camden's *Anglica &c.* that I lately purchased: '1398. Henricus episcopus Linc. virtute literarum a domino Ricardo Rege dedit dilecto regis clerico Thome Walsingham annuam pensionem centum solidorum quousque illi provisum fuerit de beneficio ecclesiastico competenti; dat' 22 Sept. 1398. Reg. Linc.' See about Walsingham in my Preface to the Monk of Evesham's life of Ric. II, where I have observed that in all probability Walsingham
10 made use of that Monk, unless the Monk perhaps lived after him. This Monk is full as good an Author as Walsingham.

July 14 (Mon.). The late Dr. Thomas Bennett's library is now to be sold in London; but 'tis such wretched stuff, most of it being Controversy, that hardly any one cares to venture upon it. The Doctor's Hebrew Grammar is looked upon as a very good one. Mr. Martin, when he was lately in Oxford, told me he learned Hebrew by it, without any other assistance.

July 15 (Tu.). Daniel Burgess, the famous Presbyterian teacher, died Jan. 26, 1712, in the 67th year of his age. He was buried at St. Clement
20 Danes Church, Jan. 21, 1712. He published several books w^{ch} are specified by Mr. Mathew Henry, at the end of his short account of Mr. Burgess; which account is subjoined to the funeral sermon upon Mr. Burgess, preached by the said Henry, & was printed at London, 1713, price 4d. Mr. Burgess was born about the year 1645 at Stanes, in Middlesex, & entered Commoner of Magd. Hall, Oxon., in Michaelmas term, 1660, but left it when Batchelor of Arts standing, without taking a Degree. His Father, Mr. Daniel Burgess, was also a Presbyterian minister, but held a good living till such time as he was ejected by the Act of Uniformity. Mr. Ant. & Wood takes no notice of this Daniel
30 Burgess of Magd. Hall, w^{ch} is much to be wondered at. But perhaps he was never matriculated in the University, & it may be his name did not occur in the books of Magd. Hall that Mr. Wood consulted; I am sure that at Magd. Hall, in w^{ch} Dr. Hicke's name to be sure was formerly writ, [it¹] did not occur to me, when some years since I went & made search there, on purpose upon that account.

Dr. Rawlinson tells me by Letter from London House, 7th inst., that his last Mat. Parker brought 46 libs., that large Commissions were sent from beyond sea, that it is gone into Hertfordshire, and, as he fancies, to
40 Sr Thomas Sebright, but this is only conjecture. He says, Lord Oxford, he is assured, regrets the loss of it; that it had more merit than the news discovered, and that indeed its value was then too much unknown. He says, had his circumstances permitted and himself uncensured for vanity, he could joyfully have kept such a Treasure, but that was forbid. NB.

July 14, 1729. H. to Rev. Thomas Carte (Carte MS. 227. 181). The *Vita Ricardi II* will soon be ready. The subscription money is due.

¹ Not in MS.

For my part I hear of no regret about Parker, nor can I think Sr Tho. S. hath it. The Doctor's Letter was brought to Oxford by his brother Tempest Rawlinson, with whom were two young ladies, sisters to them; but I saw neither of them, all three coming in late & going out of Town very early this morn.

July 16 (Wed.). Yesterday morning died Mr. Jacob Richards, head cook of Brazenose College, after a very long illness of 3 years and more, his distemper being the Gravel, & that ^{weh} was the immediate cause of his death an ulcer (as appeared from his being opened) in his spleen. He was son of Mr. Jacob Richards of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, who ¹⁰ hath been dead some years. He was a lusty man till this illness seized him. He was near 50 years old, was an excellent cook, and had formerly been cook in great places abroad. In the year 1709, Feb. 14, he married Mrs. Lucy Wells, the only daughter of Mr. Nath. Wells and ——— his Wife (now a widow, her husband dying before this Match), by whom he had a Daughter (his only child) born Nov. 11, 1710. They were a very happy, loving couple, he being a very sober, diligent man, and she as good a wife. [He was buried in St. Peter's churchyard in the East, Thursd. night, July 17.]

Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. (of ^{weh} College he is now Burser) told me ²⁰ last night that Mr. Thomas Key's handwriting was small and fine, and the shape of his *e* agrees with my MS. of his *Vindiciae Antiquitatis Oxoniensis*.

Mr. Taylor took two Roman Coyns among copper money he received lately as Bursar, both for half pence apiece.

Mr. Taylor said, he had a particular Diploma for some University Degree of the Reign of Q. Eliz., ^{weh} he would shew me.

On Saturday last, July 12, Mr. Walters of Edmund Hall had his Grace for the Degree of Master of Arts, and was presented to that Degree at the same time. 30

July 17 (Thur.).

[The 'Proeme' of the Statutes of Lincoln College, from a letter sent by Mr. Baker to Hearne on June 14, 1729.]

This Morning early, Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. went out of Oxford with Mr. Perith of St. John's College, in order to see Wells, Glastonbury, Bristoll, and other places that way, and to collect remains of Antiquity about them.

July 16, 1729. H. to Rev. Thomas Carte (Carte MS. 227. 182). Thanks for the subscription money sent by Sir John Morgan. Suggests that *Flora* is Greenwich and *Ulstochium* Woodstock. [See Letter of June 7.]

July 17, 1729. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 67) [see Diary, Oct. 21, which is *verbatim* from this letter]. Sends some lines (formerly belonging to A. Wood) taken from a MS. at Bristol on the Acts of King Arthur. The lines begin

As it befell on a Penticost day
When King Arthur at Camelot kept his Court riall
With his cumly Queen Dame Guinoure so gay
With many bold Barons & Knights in the Hall,

July 18 (Fri.). Yesterday called upon me, and I spent the evening with them, Captain Bartlett and one Mr. Hopson (w^{ch} Hopson hath a nephew, a Commoner of St. John's College), of Bracknell near Ockingham in Berks., both Honest Gentlemen, but neither of them knows anything about Brome-hall, which was a Benedictine Nunnery in Windsor Forest, I think in the parish of Wingfield.

Mr. Alexander Pope, the Poet's Father, was a poor ignorant man, a tanner at Binfield in Berks. This Mr. Alex. Pope had a little house there, that he had from his Father, but hath now sold it to one Mr.
 10 Tanner, an honest man. This Alexander Pope, tho' he be an English Poet, yet he is but an indifferent scholar, mean at Latin & can hardly read Greek. He is a very ill-natured man, and covetous and excessively proud.

July 19 (Sat.). Mr. Peppar of St. Clement's, near Oxford, hath the Bible printed in 8^{vo} by Barker in 1637, in w^{ch} among other things are short, excellent Prayers for every day of the week, with Prayers for other occasions, w^{ch} I wish were reprinted in our modern Bibles.

Yesterday morning, died Mr. Bishop, an Attorney of St. Michael's parish, Oxford, after a long indisposition. He hath left a widow and
 20 children behind him. He was near, if not quite, 60 years of age, was a loose, whoring man, of no virtues, being a knave, and at best but heavy and dull. He died in mean circumstances, having squandered away all. His wife when young was an extraordinary pretty Woman, and tho' now upwards of 50 is still a comely body.

July 20 (Sun.). Yesterday was published at London (as appears from the Prints), 'Literae de re nummaria; in opposition to the common opinion, that the Denarii Romani were never larger than seven in an ounce; With some Remarks on Dr. Arbuthnot's Book, and Tables. And some other Miscellanies relating to the same Subject, necessary for
 30 the Understanding of antient writers. By William Smith, Rector of Melsonby in Yorkshire, and Author of the Annals of University College. Printed at Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and are to be sold by Charles Rivington, at the Bible in St. Paul's Churchyard, and John Clark at the Royal Exchange, Cornhill.'

On this day sennight (Sunday, July 13) the eldest Daughter of Mr. Powell of Sandford (Miss Winny Powell) was married to St Francis Curson of Waterperry, Baronet, a Gentleman of about 50 years of age (whose first Lady died some time ago) and she about 25.

July 21 (Mon.). Seymour Cholmondelsey of Holford in Cheshire,
 40 Esq., is a Gentleman that joyns with me most heartily in wishing the

July 19, 1729. S. P. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 6. 172). His brother is writing to his Tutor, Mr. Battley of Ch. Ch., to pay a guinea to H. for *Vita Ricardi II* and for *Trokelove*. [See Diary, July 23 and 25.]

July 20, 1729. J. Thorpe to H. (Rawl. 10. 114). Has obtained from the Porter in London a copy of the entry that on Oct. 28, 1728, the sum of £1 2s. was paid to Mr. Godfrey [the waggoner] for Mr. Hearn. The Porter is a person of honest character. If Godfrey refuses to pay 'I must endeavour to retrieve it by other means.'

study of our history and ancient language was more carefully inculcated, especially among our young nobility and gentry; *but this* (says he in his Letter to me from Holford, June 28, last) *we are sure we owe to you, that whenever the age falls into that right method, the pursuit of it will be rendered much easier by the valuable pieces you rescue from obscurity, or perhaps being wholly lost.*

July 22 (Tu.). Mr. John Harcourt of Worcester Coll., brother to Philip Harcourt, Esq., late of the same College, told me yesterday that old Coins were digged up in 1728 in one of the fields of Ankerwike (wh^{ch} belongs to his Brother) in the Parish of Waisbury in Bucks. He said 10 Philip Harcourt, Esq., married above a year since a very pretty Lady of ten thousand lib^s. fortune, viz. Miss Hall.

Mr. N. Salmon being in Town, yesterday told us that he should make Durocornovium (commonly and truly too taken to be Cirencester) to be Dorchester in Oxfordshire. Thus he advances new notions, not much, if at all, followed, as he hath (it seems) very lately in one of his little books about the Roman ways, wherein he makes the British coins to be Saxon, a strange Paradox.

July 23 (Wed.). The MS., Francis Gwyn of Ford Abbey in Devonshire, Esq., hath, being only the Chartulary or Leiger Book of that 20 Abbey, nothing relating to the history of the Abbey can be expected from it. If it were the Register, as Dugdale in the Monasticon calls it, quoting three Charters from it, wh^{ch} agree¹ with the² Charters² in this, so that he had either seen this or some transcript of it, very likely some mention might be made of John Cherde (monk of that Abbey) as there might likewise be in another book, which he quotes as being then in the Cotton Library *sub effigie Julii B.* 10, but Dr. Smith's Catalogue informs us that 'tis missing. Whether this might not be the Register, or some Annals of this Abbey (for such a work Risdon likewise quotes), I cannot say, but it appears from Dugdale's Extract from it to contain the History of the Foundation, 30 and to give an account of the Founders and their Descendants to the year 1340, and tho' Dugdale stops here, the Author might probably carry his work many years farther down. Edward Prideaux Gwyn, Esq. (son of the said Francis Gwyn), who gave me the said particulars in his Letter of the 19th from Ford Abbey, wishes my MSS. additions, wh^{ch} Dr. Smith made to his Catalogue, could give any light about this Book, but he almost despairs, since Mr. Wharton formerly searched the Library on purpose.

July 22, 1729. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 258). Has the *Customs of London*, printed 1521. Asks if there is an earlier edition.

July 23, 1729. Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. 3. 144). Would like *Vita Ricardi II* to be bound in calves-leather. Would have sent the money by Mr. Traherne of Brasenose, but was not apprised of his return to Oxford; will send it by Mr. Pyle when he fetches his Lady, the President of Trinity's daughter. [See also Diary, July 26.]

¹ Agrees, MS.

² Chapters, MS.

July 24 (Thur.). Upon my inspecting Dr. Smith's Catalogue with MSS. corrections and additions by the Doctor's own hand, I find no other note than this, which as it is foreign to the MS. enquired after, so I take it for granted, that my Friend the Dr. had then quite forgot what was noted in the Monasticon :—*Enquire whether my Lord Hatton had not this book, w^{ch} contains Collections of Mr. Camden.*

July 25 (Fri.). My Remark in the Preface to the Black Book, that Dugdale is often guilty of great mistakes in his Baronage, makes Mr. Edward Prid. Gwyn mention one to me, in relation to the Founders of
 10 Ford Abbey, for he confounds the Family of Baldwyn de Brioniis (who was made Hereditary Vicecomes of Devonshire by W^m the Conqueror) & that of Redvers (who had the Earldom & third penny given them by Henry I) and makes them one. This he does in the Pedigree of Redvers, but indeed afterwards corrects it in that of Courtney. At my leasure (*sic*) I must see and consider the whole, by comparing the extract in his Monasticon with the Account of these two Families in the Baronage.

July 26 (Sat.). Mr. John Ball hath just published *The Antiquities of Constantinople*, being chiefly a Translation of Gyllius.

From Fog's Journal for Sat., July 26, 1729 :—

20 On Tuesday night the Corps of Mary Davis, alias Woodward, alias Mr. Brightwell, was interred in the Chapel Ground belonging to St. Margaret's, Westminster, from her House, the sign of 'Man's Worst Ills', in King Street. The Funeral was managed in a military Manner according to her earnest Request on her death-bed. She is said to have borne Arms during the late Wars in Flanders; at least she was of great service in the Suttling Way, and very much beloved among the Soldiers. Two Relieves of six Grenadiers each carryed the Coffin; the Pall was supported by as many Serjeants, with a great Train of Soldiers, and other martial Ceremonies.

Mr. Brome, in his Letter from Ewthington to me, July 23rd, 1729 :
 30 'I had an inscription lately sent me, somewhat like a Dog's collar, Antique wrote, in the following manner, MINERVINSSER FVGIT MILTES COH. I should be glad in your next to hear your conjecture about it.'

July 27 (Sun.). Last night I received of my L^d Oxford a large thick fol. Vol. containing *Walteri Coventriensis Annales Angliae*. 'Tis only a modern Paper Transcript, but I think of good Authority. It was copied from Bennet College Library, Cambridge. My L^d is for having me print Marianus Scotus, of w^{ch} there are two good MSS., one in Bodley, the other in the Cotton Library, and his Lordship hath another. I have

July 24, 1729. John Ball at Oxford Arms [London] to H. (Rawl. 14. 18). Sends *The Antiquities of Constantinople*; also a guinea for H.'s next book.

July 25, 1729. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 199) [see Diary, July 27].

July 27, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 22). Sends copies of entries about Mr. Brady and Mr. Lightwine. [See Diary, June 23 and Aug. 1.]

July 27, 1729. Samuel Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 59). Is glad that H. has put him down as a subscriber for Vita Ricardi II. Will he do the same for Sir John Evelyn and Thomas Bryan, and enter all three as subscribers for Trokelowe's Annals?

wrote this day to his Lordship about Marianus, desiring to know what sort of MS. his Lordship's is.

The ingenious Mr. John Murray, being now in Oxford, put into my hands this morning to peruse a little folio Paper MS. in English about Glastonbury, having this Title, *The famous monastery of Glastonbury in the County of Somerset of the Order of S^t. Benedict*. It is a Translation from the Monasticon, with an addition from Camden about King Arthur's monument. For ^{wh} reason I have not judged it proper to transcribe any thing from it; but the Translator, who lived a little after the Restauration of K. Ch. II, having subjoyned something about K. Ina & the modern ¹⁰ state of the place, I shall for that reason here annex it.

[What follows was printed by Hearne in *Walter Hemingford*, vol. II, pp. 680-685.]

July 28 (Mon.). On Saturday last Mr. Murray bought of Mr. Wilmot, Calvin's Harmony on the Gospels, Actes & Epistles, in French in 4 thick 8^{vo} volumes, printed upon vellum in a very small Letter & far from being well printed, for a Guinea, ^{wh} he takes for a vast bargain, and seems mighty proud thereof, as thinking and saying that he hath got a Present fit for the greatest Prince, ^{wh} is no wonder, Mr. Murray being an admirer of Calvin & his followers, whereas I look upon this Book ²⁰ (otherwise I had bought it) as wast (*sic*) Vellum, and just worth little or nothing, and others agree with me, and hardly fit for the Study of an honest & very curious man.

July 29 (Tu.). Caxton's Chronicle, or Fructus Temporum, was afterwards reprinted with some improvements (at least pretended to be such) by Winkin de Word; but then this Ed. is nothing near so scarce as Caxton's own Edition, & far inferior in value. Mr. Murray saith his copy of Caxton's Chronicle is imperfect (as mine also is) and that his copy of Winkin de Word's Ed. of Fructus Temporum (for Mr. Murray cannot be persuaded to acknowledge, what is true, that 'tis Caxton's ³⁰ Chronicle) is not very fair; so he is (as I easily gather) resolved to buy the Copy at Wilmot's (for Wilmot hath not, as he pretended, as yet parted with it) as he likewise is resolved to purchase (as I easily gather) Bale, of ^{wh} Mr. Murray (who does not understand Latin) is no judge, and other Things. 'Tis no wonder that Mr. Murray should be so positive that Fructus Temporum printed by W. de Word is a different work from Caxton's Chronicle, when his Ignorance in Latin makes him unacquainted with what Bale and Pits say of it, where 'tis styled Fructus Temporum, and the Author is made to be a schoolmaster of S^t. Alban's.

Francis Lutterell, Esq., son of Narciscus Lutterell, Esq., lives with his ⁴⁰ Father at Chelsey near London, & is a Gentleman very curious in our English History and Antiquities, and hath made great and amazing collections that way, and being withall a Councillor hath collected choice Books, as he hath done in History and Antiquities, in that Faculty, in imitation of his Father, who hath been wonderfully industrious in this particular, insomuch that the whole Collection of books in their Study at Chelsey, ^{wh} is equally large and curious, is chiefly and principally owing to the Father. But tho' both these Gentlemen (who are descended from a very ancient Family in Cornwall) are so very curious and knowing, yet I do not find

that either of them hath published any thing, notwithstanding both of them are every way qualified to do great matters.

July 30 (Wed.). Mr. Murray tells me he hath got the printed Charter of Rumney Marsh, with a MS. thing about the same Marsh bound with it. He also saith he hath got a folio MS. about the Fens, five times as big as Dugdale's History of Imbanking and Drayning, and that such as are proper Judges have set a great value upon this MS.

July 31 (Thur.). Notwithstanding Mr. Murray's Inclination to buy *Fructus Temporum* (altho' he hath one, if not more, already) and Bale
 10 (wh, he saith, he hath not in folio) of Wilmot, yet he is gone this morning for London without purchasing them, saying that he designs now to give over buying books, being (as he told me) next January compleat 59 years old, and to sell the bulk of his books (he having selected what he thinks most proper, and placed them at his House at Sacombe in Hartfordshire) wh he offers for 300 guineas, but there is no catalogue of them, nor does he design to have one taken, or to permitt that one should be taken.

Tuesday last, at 2 Clock in the afternoon, was a Convocation, in wh Sr John Morgan of Queen's College, Baronett, had the Degree of M. of Arts conferred on him.

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Aug. 1 (Fri.). Mr. Baker, in his Letter from Cambridge of July 27, 1729, tells me, if the Bale I spoke to him of belonged to Sr W^m Glyn, it might probably be borrowed of him by B^p Kennett, and may be the same Book the B^p lent to him. Mr. Baker copied out all the MSS. notes, wh he would willingly send me, were it worth the while, *but* (saith he) *as you observe, they are really of little moment and are only valuable for being in Bale's hand, which I am well acquainted with.* [So Mr. Baker, and he is most certainly right. 'Tis the very book B^p Kennett lent him, and Kennett had borrowed it of Glyn.]

Mr. Baker says the Customs of London is amongst the late B^p of
 30 Ely's books, but when he went to look for it, it is out of its place; but he is pretty confident it has no Date, otherwise he should have noted it.

Aug. 2 (Sat.). It is as yet uncertain how many Pieces of our English history Richard White of Basingstoke wrote and put out. It is commonly said nine, but there are several more; as may appear from what I have observed formerly, and indeed we ought to add to them his *Orationes*, printed in 8^{vo} *Atrebat*, or at Artois, A.D. 1596, there being many things of English History and Antiquities in them. This White was a good writer in Latin and a man of great Renown.

Aug. 2, 1729. R. Graves to H. (Rawl. 6. 156). Sends two guineas, subscriptions from himself and Mr. Canning; also 2/6 for the binding of *Vita Ricardi II*, for himself and Mr. Canning; also 2/6 to H. to drink with Mr. Whiteside; and Carew's Survey of Cornwall as a present to H. The reason why he was late in sending Mr. Canning's money was that from Aug. 2, 1728, to March, 1729, G. was ill. Then he went to London, hoping to see Mr. Canning at the Temple, but he had just left London for the country.

Aug. 3 (Sun.). Mr. Loveday, who returned from Bristoll to Oxford on Thursday night last, tells me that a man of good sense told him that there was formerly a Priory at Greeklade,¹ and that his Father had built several houses on the ground where it stood; that the Chappel, or at least the Chancel-part of the Chappel, was standing not long since, but his father took it down & built one of the above-mentioned tenements upon the place; at which time they broke in pieces the Holy-Water hole, and the Pope's Chair (so he called it) then standing in the Chancel. He likewise told Mr. Loveday that the Chappel was called in Old Writings, *The Free Chappell of St. John Baptist*.

NB. It was no Priory but a Free Chappel. There was a Pension paid to the Incumbent of it in 1553 £4 1s. 7d. The Incumbent was Thomas Pharne. In Speed it is called an Hospital.

Aug. 4 (Mon.). Mr. Ball takes no notice of Mr. Chishull in his Translation of *Gyllius*, notwithstanding he (Mr. Ball) told me he had so much assistance from him. But 'twas judged more prudent to omitt his name, Mr. Chishul being but a haughty proud man, and indeed in some things little better than mad.

Aug. 5 (Tu.). Mr. Loveday tells me, that the Nunnery of Lacock in Wilts. is most of it now intire, being the seat of John Ivory Talbot, Esq., that it is a very large and (considering its Antiquity) a very fine house, having spacious Rooms in it, that it is admirably well furnished, and that, among other Curiosities, there are in it divers excellent pictures of some of the Nunns.

Aug. 6 (Wed.). Last night called upon me Mr. Cockman, Master of Univ. College. He desired me to lend him my copy of New College Statutes, that he might have it before him in drawing up a body of Statutes for their own College. I told him I was continually using it my self, and so could not spare it, w^{ch} well satisfied him. I went with him to their College & saw a Register of their College commencing anno 1509, but there was nothing in it of the hand-writing of Thomas Key; what I want to see, that so I might the better be sure that Mr. Key's *Defence* I have, is of his own hand-writing, as I take it to be, it being (without doubt) the original book. In that Register is an order, written by Dr. Hudson, anno 1692, at the electing Dr. Charlett to be their master from Trinity College, consisting of three Articles, one of w^{ch} Mr. Cockman read to me, being a condition the Master (Dr. Charlett) entered into, that he would have a new body of Statutes drawn up, by comparing the Statutes of other Colleges & extracting from them what was proper in

When G. returned to Mickleton in April, Mr. Canning had gone to London. Now he has just returned.

Aug. 5, 1729. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 259). 'I thank you so much for your good company lately.' Sends copies of *Vita Ricardi II*.

Aug. 5, 1729. Thomas Hinton to H. (Rawl. 15. 86). Desires his volume to be bound.

¹ i. e. Cricklade.—Ed.

order to clear, regulate & methodize their own. One of the other Articles Mr. Cockman told me was that Dr. Charlett should swear that he would not marry during his being Head of that College (but this Mr. Cockman said Dr. Charlett, who was never married, would not enter into) and the third was that Dr. Charlett should swear that he would not, if he left the College, endeavour that any other *alienus* should be elected Master of Univ. Coll.

Aug. 7 (Thur.). Yesterday was hanged at the Castle at Oxford, being condemned this last Assizes, a young Woman of about 25 or 26 years of 10 age, commonly called Black Bess. She was a Shropshire woman by birth, but was never married, tho' she hath had several Children. She had been condemned several times before, but she was no sooner out of Jayle, but she used to return to her former Pranks, particularly horse-stealing, at w^{ch} she was remarkably famous, in so much that after Condemnation at the former Assizes at Oxford, having obtained a Pardon, that very afternoon she was freed, she stole two horses at Garsington, four miles from Oxford, and was taken the next day near St. Alban's with a companion or two (but they were quitted), & being afterwards conveyed to Oxford was (as I have observed) hanged yesterday, making (as I am 20 told) a penitent end.

Aug. 8 (Fri.). Magd. Coll. hath an Estate at Hartley Wintney, or Hartley Rowe, in Hampshire, and there are writings in the College Treasury belonging to it. I saw some of them yesterday by the favour of Mr. Loveday, whom I desired to take notice if any thing should occur to him in these writings about the Nunnery of Wintney or Hartley Rowe, about which Captain Stephens could meet with nothing more than what is in Leland and the Monasticon, and yet in the Captain's work are many wriginal writings never before published, tho' done in a quite different method and order from Dugdale, or rather Dodsworth's 30 Monasticon.

Aug. 9 (Sat.). Memorandum that Dr. Nicolson, in the Preface to the fol. Edition of his *English Historical Library*, makes mention of the Black Book and the Red Book of the Exchequer, making them both to be in the Harley Library; w^{ch} distinction is certainly most just, notwithstanding some are very positive that they are both the same, and yet the contrary is plainly demonstrated by me in my Preface in the Black Book; but then I much question whether there be an intire Transcript of the Red Book in the Harley Library, or whether there be more than those Extracts my Lord Oxford lately lent me. I must remember at some time 40 or other to ask my Lord about it.

Aug. 7, 1729. Sir Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 8. 94). Sends a guinea and a half by Godfrey for three copies of Trokelowe. Hopes the money will not be lost, as was the case with a post letter [see letter of Jan. 23, 1729].

Aug. 9, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 50). 'I presume Mr. Bedford has acquainted you that he is going over to Leyden for some time & that he will leave your interests in his brother's (Mr. Thomas Bedford's) hands, a very pretty youth, who was of this College.' [See Diary, Aug. 13.]

From Fog's Journal, Sat., Aug. 9, 1729 :—

They write from Rome that the 23rd of July, being the birthday of the Princess Clementina Sobieski, several Foreign Ministers, as also many Cardinals, with most of the Princes and Nobility of Rome, of both sexes, went to the Palace of the Chevalier de St. George, to pay their Compliment to that Princess, who that day entered into the 27th year of her Age; they were all (the Cardinals excepted) in rich Habits, and made a most splendid Appearance.

Aug. 10 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. Tanner told me that he knew nothing of John Trokelowe, but that he believed him (as I do) to have been ¹⁰ a monk of St. Alban's, and that he knew no more of Blanford than what is said of him in Tho. Walsingham.

The Dr. gave me leave to print Mr. Wood's account of his own Life, but said he could find no more of it, and that he believed Mr. Wood transcribed no more than to the year 1675 from his notes, that were scattered up and down in Books and Papers.

He said Mr. Henry Wharton went thro' Oxon. in his way to Bath a little before he died, & called upon Dr. Charlett, & that he [Dr. Tanner] was then also with him. Mr. Wharton wrote a Diary of his own life in Latin, even to that very time, that circumstance of his being then at ²⁰ Oxford being in it. Dr. Tanner hath seen it, and after Mr. Wharton's death, calling upon his (Mr. Wharton's) father, an old Clergyman, he asked him about it. He replied, 'my son hath got every thing from me, not leaving me so much as a book or scrap of paper.' This son was younger than Mr. Henry Wharton, was an Apothecary & great Rake, so that 'tis to be feared this Diary & many other Things of great value are utterly destroyed.

Aug. 11 (Mon.). Mr. West's Ed. of the *Customs of London* is the same with mine. He bought it also of Wilmot, who (it seems) had two and perhaps may have another, as he hath duplicates of many old books. ³⁰ Mr. Murray's Edition is older, coming no lower than the 18th of Hen. VII, whereas ours reaches to the 12th of Hen. VIII; so that I take this to be a better Ed. than Mr. Murray's. *Mr. West's letter I received yesterday from London.*

Our friend John Anstis hath lately had one of Hollar's Cutts of the Earl of Pembroke's picture of Hen. VII [*lege* Ric. II] sent him a Present from France. Dr. Stukeley, to the surprize of everybody, has taken orders. His friends think him crazy. *Ibid.*

Aug. 12 (Tu.). About a year since died Mr. Richard Parker, rector of Embleton in Northumberland, and was succeeded by Dr. Tovey of Merton ⁴⁰ College, it being in Merton College gift. This Embleton is the Place

Aug. 10, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. II. 153) [*see* Diary, Aug. 11]. 'Mr. Murray's account of your health proved exceeding acceptable to me. . . You have done well to correct the Petulancy of Smith. He hath just published a Farrago of confused Observations on Re Nummaria. . . Mr. Granger, Mr. Jett and myself are now drinking your health.'

Aug. 11, 1729. R. Levett to H. (Rawl. 7. 155). The Warden of All Souls will always pay subscriptions for him to H., if he is shown this letter.

where Duns Scotus was born. As for Mr. Parker, he was formerly Fellow of Merton College, as a member whereof he took the Degree of M.A., April 17, 1697. He was an excellent Classick Scholar, and when of Merton College was acquainted with the chief Wits of the University, among whom he would be very merry and facetious, but he was very modest and even sheepish, and would be very shy in strange Company. He was commonly called *learned Dick Parker*, but I know of nothing that is published of his, unless it be the Account of Isaac Casaubon's MSS. papers in the Bodleian Library, in pag. 264 of the 1st volume of *Catalogus*
 10 *MSS^{orum} Angliæ et Hiberniæ*, where he is stiled *vir eruditus* by Dr. Edw. Bernard, who had the chief care of that work and was a great admirer of Mr. Parker, whom the Dr. observed to have the shape of Tully's head.

Aug. 13 (Wed.). Mr. Thomas Bedford, young brother of Mr. W^m Bedford, and both sons of Mr. Hilkiab Bedford, is a very pretty youth, and was of St. John's Coll., Camb., who left them upon Principle, as his brother had done before him, tho' they had a full Propriety to Fellowships, and had the immediate enjoyment of Scholarships and Exhibitions. *This* (says Mr. Baker to me in his Letter from Camb. of the 9th inst.) *you will approve, who parted with greater Preference.*

20 **Aug. 14 (Thur.).** Mr. Baker tells me that if the B^p of Peterborough's copy of Bale were Sr W^m Glyn's, I need not purchase it, for I may command the MSS. notes (he having a copy of them) whenever I please.

My printing Qu. Eliz. Entertainment at Oxford, anno 1566, puts Mr. Baker in minde, that he hath an account of her entertainment there, anno 1592, and of K. James, anno 1605, taken by one of their Esq. Bedells, sent on purpose to observe the Ceremoniall; but he doubts it would hardly please me, some things being reported with too much freedom and possibly not always with truth.

Aug. 15 (Fri.). Dr. Joseph Smith, formerly Fellow of Queen's College,
 30 Oxford, calling upon me yesterday, told me that his late Brother, Dr. John Smith, Prebendary of Durham, who published Bede's history, was a most severe Student, that he did not take hardly common Refreshments, and used very little or no Exercise, and that this broke his constitution and shortened his Life, being about 55 or 56 years of age. This Dr. Joseph Smith is near 59 years of age compleat. His nephew, son of the said Dr. John Smith, had a great hand in the said Ed. of Bede, & his Father dying before it was printed, being indeed advanced at the Press but a little way, the son handed it to the World. This Mr. George Smith, who is married and lives near Durham, is an excellent Scholar,
 40 a very honest man (being a Nonjuror) and a severe student. He is a fat man and uses very little Exercise.

Aug. 16, 1729. Wm. Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 136). Will send his money by Mr. Hay, if he soon returns to Christ Church.

Aug. 16, 1729. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 260). Has received the *Customs of London*, of the first edition. It is a valuable book.

Aug. 16, 1729. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 9). Had designed to spend with H. 'this hour' between Prayers and dinner-time, but the Dean has

Aug. 17 (Sun.). Yesterday I received from Mr. Murray a copy of the first Ed. of the *Customs of London*, ending in the 17th year of Hen. VII, tho' *anno xviii* be added, after w^{ch} is a blank Page. The Contents are written at the beginning and then follows the print, the first signature being A. 1, & the book beginning *The name of y^e balyfs, Custos, Mayers, &c.* It is a very imperfect Copy & yet very valuable, tho' this Ed. is in this inferior to the second Ed., because the second ends in *anno 12* of Hen. VIII & brings the magistrates and the historical passages so low. The way of printing is also particular in both, the distinctions made thus (|) in the second, but thus (.) in the first Edition. The second is the 10 most beautifull print.

Aug. 18 (Mon.). I have printed Ross's English account of the Earls of Warwick (with the Monk of Evesham's life of Ric. II) from Mr. Ward's MS., but wholly omitted the pictures, as not like the Earls, &c., as I take it. Besides, they are in Dugdale, where and elsewhere are the Arms withall. Mr. Ward himself was of opinion they should be added, particularly he thought the Frontispiece, i.e. *Arma Warwici*, ought not to be omitted; and afterwards he said some account of Ross's life might be added, together with his Portraiture from Dugdale. And, indeed, he said he thought the rest of the Pictures could not well be omitted, by 20 reason of the models of their several Foundations therein delineated. But these Models are very small and of little moment, no true idea of the nature of each building being to be drawn from thence. And as for Ross's life and Portraiture, I had before given an account thereof in my Ed. of his *Historia Regum Angliae*.

Aug. 19 (Tu.). I have not seen old Smith's book *de re nummaria*, printed at Newcastle, but I hear 'tis a wretched Farrago or Rhapsody, and that he treats of the subject [not ¹] in the antiquary method, but rather as a critical arithmetician, launching out more on the value, weight, &c., than on the more noble and usefull, the Historical part. I knew him many 30 years in Oxford, but never heard that he had any skill either in coins or arithmetick.

Dr. Rawlinson, to his great grief, finds no copy of the *Customs of London*. He says one was sold in the auction of his Brother's books at Covent Garden for about two guineas, w^{ch} he would not have relinquished at ten, but it seems it was occasioned by Mr. Murray's telling him there was a most beautifull copy in the Library, w^{ch} however never yet came to hand, nor can the Dr. believe it ever will.

'named us to a Chapter at $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after eleven'. Has a transcript of a continuation of the Polychronicon from a MS. of Mr. Worsley's, formerly of Edmund Hall; has brought it from Norfolk to show H.; it is almost verbatim the *Vita Ricardi II* of the monk of Evesham.

Aug. 18, 1729. T. Carte to H. (Rawl. 4. 32). Has had an intermitting fever, ending in an ague, and has not been to London recently. Thanks for copies of Fordun and Neubrigensis for the Marquis d'Aubais; sends the money.

¹ This word is not in Hearne.—Ed.

Last night was buried in the Churchyard of St. Peter's in the East, one old Mrs. Hunt, a widow woman, who had lived many years on the charges of the Parish. Her mother (whose maiden name was Hill) was the first wife of the late Dr. Thomas Hyde, keeper of the Bodleian Library, and Canon of X^t Church. She died Saturday last.

On Sunday last died Mr. Chester, fellow of Oriel Coll., a young M. of Arts.

Aug. 20 (Wed.). Dr. Rawlinson knows where the above-mentioned copy of *The Customs of London* fell, and so hopes to gratify me about it.

10 The Dr. says, in the affair of his late Brother's Library, himself & the world have been much injured, such depredations have been made that (if John Murray speaks truth, as to particulars he pretends to remember) it is almost incredible: 'but' says the Dr. 'between us two, my Brother in conversation & papers seems to think the Houndsditch Broker not a little vainglorious; *proletarius non generosus* were the terms he used to speak of him in, and though my late brother had failings (and *quis non?*), he knew mankind well.'

Aug. 21 (Thur.). Dr. Rawlinson tells me that his Brother's Funeral was expensive, tho' scandalous, the Dr. being at a great distance, that
20 during an interim of eight months expensive Commissions of appraisement were settled, that Commissioners were put in, as he fears, rather to survey and plunder than do justice to the Creditors, himself, or the World. He says the large Paper Leland's Itinerary has never yet appeared, no more than the first Ordinal of K. Edw. VI. The Dr. is tender of charging any one person, and yet he tells me something surprizing with respect to Mr. Mich. Mattaire. He allows that he would not rob on the road, and yet would perhaps clandestinely borrow a book or medal, and think his honour no way impeached. The Dr. says Mattaire has been observed at
30 London House, that several covers of books of the old Editions, as also of those printed by Stephens, Vascolan, Morel, &c., have been discovered in odd parts of the Library, behind other books, but the valuable contents gelt. He says he will not, as some have done, urge this as an argument against him; but it being well known that the rarity of the Ordinal is very singular, some time since in a general discourse Mr. Mattaire, before the Esq's death, sighed for such a curiosity, after w^{ch} in the Dr.'s presence and before Mr. Anstis, he blundered out the possession, and again since hinted he had no such book, w^{ch} denial seems founded on a request made by one who knew the Copy. These are odd circumstances, and
40 upon them the Dr. says a Letter was sent Mr. Mattaire by an unknown hand, who promises the Dr. a copy; herein, it seems, Mr. Mattaire is charged in the most open manner with a breach of trust in the library, books purloyned from the rooms before the times of auctions, and the anonymous promises Mattaire to inform the Dr. of particulars more at large. The Dr. is unwilling to expose Mr. M.'s character, and yet cannot

Aug. 20, 1729. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 18). Sends H. a bill 'upon the Collector of the Excise, who will be at Oxford on the 26th', for 2½ guineas.

but insist upon some sort of justice, such as a clearing by oath in Chancery *a request* (says the Dr.) *an honest man will not refuse, no more than a knave decline*; but even after that, the Dr. thinks himself at liberty to produce suspicious circumstances, such as I have mentioned. The Dr. observes farther, that this good man had swallowed this library in imagination, as he hoped to have the conduct of its sale, and that it is almost inconceivable with what face he could allot the Dr. 10,000 pounds clear of expenses, MSS. and prints; but such was the fervent praepossession of the man that he was little less than enthusiastick on the point, as has been, at the Dr.'s expence, more clearly visible to the world. 10

Aug. 22 (Fri.). Saturday night last, one Bowell, an Attorney's clark, shot himself (and died the next evening) at an Inn by Cairfax, being a great spendthrift and a very loose young man.

Mrs. Bradbury of Horspath married when she was 18 years old & hath been married 26 years. One of their sons died in a strange manner on Friday night, Aug. 15, 1729, in the 13th year of his age, being strangely swelled, a distemper he had caught in very hot weather about 6 or 7 weeks before in the field. First his head was swelled as big as two or 3 heads, then all the other parts of his body in like manner (his head at the same time being dwindled to nothing) so that he died in wretched misery, 20 but very sensible, and with great sense of God Almighty's power and goodness.

Aug. 23 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson tells me it is well known at London that L^d Oxford has the last copy of Matthew Parker, and that he is assured as much by those to whom he has shewed it, with this additional that he would not have lost at £100 what he got for £50, & that since this, he has lent it to Dr. Drake, whose Edition is very near finished. So the Dr., and yet I understood that Dr. Drake had had it before, that the Book was sold for £45, at the same time that Dr. Rawlinson had told me there was a Commission of £50 for it from France, and that it was 30 reported Sir Thomas Sebright had it. Be it as it will, it is of little moment to inquire after, the things they contest about being of no great consequence. If my L^d Oxford hath it, it is in good hands, and he gave full enough for it, much more than it is worth.

Aug. 24 (Sun.). Dr. Rawlinson also at the same time told me, viz. in his Letter of Aug. 9, 1729, that my charge at the end of *Vita Ricardi II* from Sr S. Dewes on L^d Bacon gives much offence to some, especially at a time when an Edition of his works, from Archbishop Sancroft's corrected copy, communicated to Mr. John Blackbourne, M.A. & Coll. Trin. Cantab., the Editor, is just coming out. The Dr. says the book 40 was finished before my extract was seen, so that he don't learn any notice will be taken of it. He adds, some say the scandal has been long time obviated. NB. I should be very glad the charge should prove false, and

Aug. 23, 1729. S. Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 212). Wishes to subscribe for Trokelowe

Aug. 23, 1729. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 68). Acknowledges the receipt of *Vita Ricardi*, but wishes the pictures were added [see Diary, Sept. 27].

yet I fear 'tis too true, Sir Symonds being a virtuous man, notwithstanding a Puritan, and having not the least Prejudice against my L^d Bacon, who even from other accounts appears to have been a great wicked man. Dr. Rawlinson himself hath a great hand in this Ed. of L^d Bacon's works.

Aug. 25 (Mon.). Yesterday called upon me one Mr. Barnes, a young Gentleman of London, with a Letter from Dr. Rawlinson, who told me this Barnes was well acquainted with Dr. Woodward, and deserved well from him as also from Dr. Rawlinson himself. He staid a very little time
10 with me, only took notice of the great pains some people had taken to depreciate Dr. Woodward's admirable collection, w^{ch} (notwithstanding all that) kept up a great character, and the books, tho' they sold well, might have brought more, had not there been a mismanagement. Mr. Barnes is also an acquaintance of Mr. Tireman's, who was with Dr. Rawlinson at Oxon. 3 years since, but he brings no news from Mr. Tireman with respect to the MS. of York Mr. Tireman had mentioned to me.

Aug. 26 (Tu.). I hear Mr. Willis is about a new Edition of his Abbies. He should rather give a distinct volume by way of Correction of the whole, it being miserably faulty, all but what I modelled and printed
20 in Leland's Collectanea, w^{ch} ought always to go as there printed.

Aug. 27 (Wed.). This day Mr. Richard Richardson, eldest son of my friend Dr. Richard Richardson of North Bierly in Yorkshire, and Gent. Commoner of Brazen-nose Coll., left the University.

I am told that a third Ed. of *The Customs of London* is advertized. I suppose it must be some very paltry Thing, not equal to the other two, done both (as I take it) by Ric. Arnolde himself.

Mr. Jackson, secretary to Dr. Tanner, Chancellor of Norwich, is 47 years old, as he told me the other day. He said at the same time that the Dr. certainly put out the second Ed. of Wood's *Athenae Oxon*.

30 **Aug. 28. (Thur.).** Dr. Bentley, in the first Ode of Lib. 1 of Horace, reads *evehere* for *evehit*, against the authority of all MSS. whatsoever, according to his usual boldness. In Ode 17 of Lib. 1 for *tutum per nemus* Dr. B. reads *totum per nemus*, noting that he so corrected it before he saw that Lambin had corrected it in the same manner from some MSS.; but I believe the contrary to be true, that he had first seen Lambin's emendation, and then (a usual trick with him) took it upon himself. Most MSS.

Aug. 27, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 34). Hears that a third Edition of the *Customs of London* has been lately *squirred*; would like to know something about it. Is sorry to hear of the depredations in his brother's Library by 'a certain person'.

Aug. 27, 1729. Ric. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 158). Has received his volume through Mr. Wotton, and desires to be a subscriber for the next volume.

Aug. 27, 1729. Tho. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 20). Seven folios of Transcript of Bale's MS. notes [see Diary, Sept. 6 and 7].

Aug. 28, 1729. J. Loveday to H. (Rawl. 15. 126) [see Diary, Sept. 1, 2, and 3].

have it *tutum*, and so 'tis universally read. Nor do I see any absurdity in the reading.

Mr. Prujean, an honest Roman Catholick, living in the parish of St. Clement, near Oxford, was born Dec. 25, in the morning, anno 1672.

Aug. 29 (Fri.). I hear that about three weeks since died Elizabeth Cherry, the widow of my late best friend Francis Cherry, Esq., and that she was buried at Shottesbrooke. She was aged 74 years, and was the daughter of John Finch, Esq. She was a woman of great virtues and of intire affection to her late husband; tho' among other failings in this she is to be blamed, that she never let me have the MSS. assigned for me by her husband, and what is become of them I know not.¹

Aug. 30 (Sat.). Upon Bullington green is a little hill, called Bullington Pen (i.e. Bullington Hill). Here was formerly a very considerable Hill, and there was (as I take it) a Castle, and hereabouts was the Town and Church of Bullington that many speak of, which raises great speculations among the Vulgar.²

Aug. 31 (Sun.). My Lord Dormer of Peterly in Bucks. is a Gent. of very great honour and worth, as is also his Lady, and a lover of ancient History, as I was well assured yesterday by Mr. John Haley, a potter of Pen in Bucks., wch Haley is a very honest man, is 67 years of age, and his father was a trumpeter to K. Ch. I and was wounded under the throat at Edge Hill fight, being shot with a bullet, but he lived many years after, dying about 40 years since.

Sept. 1 (Mon.). I formerly noted that Mr. John Griffyth, vicar of White Waltham, who was a great man, is buried in the church of Laurence Waltham by his wife. There is no stone or other memorandum over him. His mother-in-law, as well as father-in-law, are both buried in the same parish, where on the west side is the following Inscription to their memory upon a Tombstone, raised above the ground, as I had it from Mr. Loveday in a letter from Caversham, Aug. 28, 1729: 'Here lyeth the body of JANE RUDGE daughter of ANTHONY LUTHER of Miles in the county of Essex Esq^r, and wife of Mr. EDWARD RUDGE of Blazes in the parish of Laurence Waltham in the county of Berks.: by whom she had issue two sons and nine daughters: she was his wife xlvii years. She died on the 7th day of November, 1694. Ætat 61. Here also

Aug. 30, 1729. Mr. Tottenham, at Wells, to H. (Rawl. 10. 132). Sends Bishop Kidder's Inscription [see Diary, Sept. 4].

Aug. 31, 1729. Gilbert Lake to R. (Rawl. 7. 149) [see Diary, Sept. 6].

¹ The entry originally ended at the word 'husband'. The rest is added in the margin.—Ed.

² There is no evidence that there was ever a church or Castle of Bullington. Because there was a Hundred of Bullington, it does not follow that there was a church or even a village of Bullington. The Hundreds of Ploughley and Langtree, like Bullington, were not named from a village or town, but apparently from the spot where the Hundred Court was held.—Ed.

lyeth the body of Mr. EDWARD RUDGE, who dyed Aug. 13, 1701 :
Aged 74.'

Sept. 2 (Tu.). The said Mrs. Jane Rudge was an excellent good woman, and bore an universal good Character, 'tho her Husband did not.

Mr. Loveday tells me that Mrs. Cherry dyed suddenly at Mr. Hayes's of Holyport Green in Bray parish, and that she was buried, as he was informed, on Friday, Aug. 8, at Shottesbrooke, in the Family Vault.

Sr Constantine Phipps was born at Reading and educated at the
10 Free School there, his Father (as the report is) keeping the Golden Bear in that town.

I am of opinion that the founder of St. John's Coll., Sr Thomas White, was born at Reading, tho' 'tis doubted by some. Dr. Merrick remembers an old man, who used to name as the very house of his birth a building, since taken down, in the Butter Market in Reading; upon the spot there now lives John May, an undertaker. Sr T. White's father, who was a Clothier, was born at Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire.

Mr. Walters (who took the degree of A.M. last Act Term) left Edm. Hall and the University last Saturday, Aug. 30.

20 **Sept. 3 (Wed.).** The following inscription I had from Mr. Loveday Aug. 28, 1729. It is over the door of the parsonage house at Chewstoke in Somersetshire :

A domino factum est istud quod barry; in anno domini 1629. Mr. Loveday sends it on account of what I have observed in my Glossary to Langtoft, where I have observed that *Quod* for *Quoth* is to be met with in MSS., particularly after Edward II. 'I have found it' says he 'as late as Charles I in an inscription over the door of the parsonage house at Chewstoke in Somersetshire.' Then he adds the inscription as above, and subjoyns 'If you understand *fecit* after *barry* (which I take to be the
30 minister's name) then *quod* will be a Pronoun'.

The Date seems to me to be 1529 not 1629.

Edward Leigh (p. 56 of *Three Diatribes or Discourses*, in the second *Of Money or Coyns*) laments Sr Simonds D'Ewes's having published nothing about coins or medals. 'It's pitty (says he) that Sr Simonds D'Eus, my great friend, had not published something this way, he having spent so much time in this study and having purchased so many several coyns of all sorts.'

Quaere, whether the medals and coins, as well as the MSS., were purchased by the late Earl of Oxford. Also, whether there be any MS.
40 tract about them of Sr Simond's [*sic*] compiling. I believe there is not.

Sept. 4 (Thur.).

[A long epitaph on Dr. Richard Kidder, bishop of Bath and Wells, who died Nov. 26, 1703, erected in accordance with the will of Anne, his daughter, who died in 1728; sent to Hearne in a letter by the Rev. John Tottenham, from Wells.]

Sept. 5 (Fri.). The said Dr. Kidder, who got himself intruded into
Bp Ken's bishoprick, was a man that deservedly bore a very ill character,

being a republican, a close, stingy man, abhorred by all truly loyal, good men, and yet he was a man of learning.

To get of Mr. Tottenham, or some one else, an account of the common Character about Wells of Dr. Kidder, and to know also who made the said Epitaph.

Sept. 6 (Sat.). Mr. Talbot of Wilts. hath given me by Mr. Gilbert Lake, vicar of Chippenham, an invitation to Lacock, where Mr. Lake says I shall find a great many curiosities, but no pictures of nunns.

The said Mr. Lake dined with Mr. Barker, the present rector of Grittleton in Wilts., on Wed., Aug. 27, who never heard anything of ¹⁰ a Roman pavement being found at that place (wh^{ch} however I had learned from Dr. Plot's MSS. notes) but he promised to inquire about it, and to let him know.

Mr. Lake hath now by him a fair MS. of St. Cuthbert, 'the Author you'l know by the following words wh^{ch} are just before the Title page: Author hujus Libri Robertus Hegg Dunelm., Coll. Corporis Christi Oxon. Socius; Qui in domino mortuus est, Junii XI, A.D. M DC XXIX. The Title is as follows; at the top in red Letters, Non solum nobis nati sumus sed partim patriae; Saint Cuthbert or The Histories of His Churches at Lindisfarn, Cunecacestre & Dun Holm, 1626.' Mr. Lake wants to know, ²⁰ whether I think this book worth anything. Mr. Lake may see what I have said of it in my Glossary to Peter Langtoft; I have a copy from a MS. lent me by another person, after wh^{ch} I compared it with one lent me by Mr. West.

On Thursday last I received from Mr. Baker a copy of Bale's MSS. notes to his book *de Scriptoribus*, the same that Wilmot the bookseller hath. They are of no great moment. In them he mentions as Roger Hoveden's *Continuationes ejusdem Rogeri Lib. I*; but this Continuation is not really Hoveden's but Walter Coventre's. 'Tis in Bennet Coll. library.

Mr. Baker writes to me thus upon this occasion: 'I send you John Bale's MSS. notes. I am confident you have all, even to minutiae, tho' I doubt you will think 'em all minutiae, & I chiefly send 'em that you may have it in your power to mortify the bookseller, who holds up his book at an unreasonable price. And yet, being in Bale's own hand, & (as appears) under his last hand, for he quotes the year 1562 & dyed the next year 1563 in November, that will put some value upon 'em. You know he was Preb. of Canterbury, where he dyed, & was buried in the Cathedral there. If you have seen his *Vocacyon* & the Treatment he met with in Ireland, you will not wonder that he cared not to return to his ⁴⁰ Bishoprick.'

Sept. 7 (Sun.). Yesterday morning, was found drowned somewhere about Iffley, one Blower, a hatter by Cairfax in Oxford. He had been at Radley at St John Stonehouse's on Friday and drunk a Penny. Pot of Ale at Iffley in the evening, but was not seen alive afterwards.

From Mr. Baker, Aug. 27, 1729: 'Joannes Baleus erat e Collegio Jesu Cant., an. 1514 &c., ubi notus erat Thomae Cranmer collegae, cui erat aetate pene par, sed moribus dissimilis. Thomas Cranmer Art. Mag. an. 1514. Registrum Acad. Cant.

Anno 1529 conceditur fratri Ball, ordinis Carmelitarum, ad opponendum in Theologia. Reg. Acad. Cant.

Frater Baille, Carmelita, sacrae theologiae Bac., an. 1529. E veteri libro Procuratoris.

Johan Bale consecrated Bishop [of Ossorie] upon the Purification daye of our Ladye, [an. dom. 1552], by George archbishop of Dublyne, Tho. bp of Kyldare & Urbane bp of Duno assistinge him; according to his own account in a book entituled *The Vocacyon of Johan Bale to the Bishoprick of Ossorie*, fol. 18 b.

- 10 This Book is so scarce that the Archbishop of Cant. had not seen it, when he was assisting Father Courayer in the late Controversy concerning our Orders, & at his request I sent it up to Lambeth. It is printed in 8^{vo} without Date.'

So Mr. Baker. But in the Copy lent me by Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., in 1720, mentioned in these Memoirs, vol. 91, p. 64, I found this Date at the end: Imprinted in Rome | before the Castell of S. Angell | at ye signe of S. Peter | in Decembre | anno D. 1553.

Which circumstance of its being printed in Rome is a downright Fiction. If Mr. Baker's copy really wants the said Date, it is imperfect.

- 20 As I remember, Bale's book is stuffed with other lyes.

I know not what to make of Bale's being *moribus dissimilis* to Cranmer.

To inquire of Mr. Anstis what he thinks of Mr. Murray's *Garderobe of Prince Edward*, afterward K. Edw. II.

- Sept. 8 (Mon.).** Three or four years agoe, Dr. Holdsworth of St. John's College told me that Dr. Stuart & some others would fain have me put out a new edition of Capgrave's *Legenda Sanctorum*, w^{ch} is very scarce; but this I thought fit to wave, it being (as I judged) sufficient that it had been once printed, & it might be as proper (yea, I think more proper) to reprint the Missal of Hereford, w^{ch} is much more scarce than Capgrave. Indeed, the copies of this Missal (whether printed or MSS.) are so very rare that Brian Twyne (otherwise a most knowing man) did not know of it, and therefore reckons but three kinds of Missals, viz. Salisbury, York, and Bangor, omitting that of Hereford (*Apol. Ant. Ac. Oxon.*, p. 186), a thing I must tell Mr. Baker of.
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The Horse-Race this year in Port-Meadow near Oxford began on Tuesday, Aug. 26, and did not end till Tues., Sept. 2, all w^{ch} time there were booths and revellings in the meadow, and one booth was put up 3 weeks before the Race began.

- 40 Remember to tell Mr. Baker that Richard White of Basingstoke, in p. 142 of his *Orationes*, printed at Artois in 1596, mentioning the expenses of three thousand silver Turnoy Groats, that those that took the Degree of Dr. in Canon and Civil Law were limited to, upon oath, 'recepto jurejurando ne ultra tria millia Turonensium argenteorum in solemnitate sui Doctoratus expendat,' hath the following note, p. 163:—'*Tria millia Turonensium*] haec lex sumptuosa capitur ex constitutione secunda de magistris, cum Quintus Clemens, pontifex, in concilio Viennensi, prohibet ultra tria millia Turonensium argenteorum in solemnitate circa doctoratum expendere; quam summam Panormitanus interpres deducit ad ducentos

& quinquaginta florenos de camera, id est, ut ait Didacus Covarruvias c. 3, de veterum numismatum collectione, ducentos simplices aureos, quorum quilibet undecim nummis argenteis regalibus aestimatur.'

The said rule or order was strictly observed in the University of Oxford.

This day Dr. Tanner lent me a Transcript of Walter Hemyngforde's *Chronicon Edwardi III*, taken from an old MS. in Magd. Coll. Library, Oxon., many years ago by his Amanuensis, one Mr. Jon of Queen's Coll., Oxon., and partly by himself.

Sept. 9 (Tu.). This day I returned to London, (carriage paid) by 10 Godfrey's waggon, Mr. Murray's copy of the 1st Ed. of *The Customs of London*, w^{ch} tho' very imperfect is a very good book, and by Letter at the same time I desired Mr. Murray to let me have some short account of a third Ed. of the said book, that (I am told) is lately advertized. It was squirted, it seems, by some one at London, but can be of little value in respect of the first and second Editions done, without doubt, as I take it, by Richard Arnolde himself. At the same time I told him, I believed I should have occasion to quote and make mention of his MS. of Edw. II's Garderobe in the Work of Trokelowe's Annals of Edw. II, &c., that I am now printing, & I desired therefore that he would, if he could, give me 20 some short account of its Authenticalness.

To tell Mr. Baker that Dr. Gerard Langbaine (a very great Scholar, and a great Judge of our English History and Antiquities) observed to Mr. Selden (who deservedly consulted the Dr. in these Affairs) as may be seen in Leland's Coll. vol. v. p. 287 that *an extract might be taken of all the Historicall passages in Dr. Gascoigne's Dictionarium Theologicum, w^{ch} in his opinion do as well deserve to be published as the rest of that great work does scarce (but for them) deserve the reading.* Whether such an extract were taken I know not, but 'tis certain 'twas never published. If it were taken, 'tis possible it might be deferred for another volume of Cornelius 30 Bee's Historians, w^{ch} however never came out. I have given a specimen of the Historical Passages in the Antiquities of Glastonbury, and there are many more in Mr. Wood's Hist. and Antiquities of the Univ. of Oxford. Mr. Wood, I think, got them chiefly by the assistance of his great friend and acquaintance Mr. Henry Foulis, fellow of Lincoln College. I have often been thinking of making and publishing such an Extract, but indeed I despair of getting it. 'Twas with great difficulty I got the Specimen in the Antiq. of Glastonbury. Partiality obstructs things of this kind, and 'tis to that we are to ascribe the loss of a great deal of secret History, while other Things of the same kind for the same reason 40 lye dormant & are quite hid.¹

Sept. 10 (Wed.). On Friday last, Mr. Niblet, Warden of All Souls Coll., had the Rectory of Lockinge, near Wantage in Berks., conferred

Sept. 9, 1729. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 262) [see Diary, Sept. 9].

Sept. 10, 1729. Charles Gray to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 327. Argues that Colchester is Camalodunum. Asks H.'s opinion [see Diary, Oct. 30, 1729].

¹ Professor Thorold Rogers edited the *Historical Passages* from Gascoigne under the title *Loci e Libro Veritatum* (Clarendon Press, 1881).—Ed.

upon him, it being in the Patronage of the College, and being vacant by the Death of Mr. John Aldworth, M.A. and formerly Fellow of All Souls. Which Mr. Aldworth was brother of the late Dr. Charles Aldworth (Camden Professor of History) and took the Degree of M.A., April 11, 1676.

King Hen. I was surnamed Beauclerk from his being not only a good scholar himself but from his love of learned men and his affection for Learning. This is allowed by all; but then whereas Dr. Caius hath asserted that he was educated at Cambridge, I think it far from being
 10 true, it being not at all likely, if we attend to what hath been related by Peter Blesensis. I should rather think with Mr. Wood that he was educated at Oxford. For tho' W^m the Conqueror resented what the Oxford scholars had done in favour of Edgar Etheling, yet this Resentment, I believe, wore away so far, as that the King permitted his son Henry to be educated there under such learned men, as he could confide in, and were reconciled to his Government.

Sept. 11 (Thur.). In the year 1727, May 22, I received from Dr. Thorpe of Rochester two MSS., w^{ch} he sent with a Letter dated from Rochester Ap. 18 that year. The one, intitled *Remembrances*,¹ was
 20 collected by the eminent S^r Roger Twysden, Bart., and was lent to the Dr. by his grandson, the present S^r William Twysden of East Peckham, Bart., with leave to make what use the Dr. pleased of anything in it, excepting what immediately concerned his own family, as Epitaphs, &c. The other MS., intitled *Analecta Ro. Plot*, the Dr. had from his friend & neighbour Mr. John Burman, vicar of Newington and Bobbing in the County of Kent, who died April 13, 1726, aetat. 45. They are both in
 4^{to}. I extracted several things from the first and transcribed the second intirely. I returned them to the Dr. on Aug. 5, 1729.

Sept. 12 (Fri.). Richard Parker, in p. 221 in his *Sceletos Cant.* in
 30 the vth Vol. of Leland's Coll., tells us Dr. John Cay died on July 29, 1573, w^{ch} I suppose is right. His epitaph is FVI CAIVS, as ordered by himself, but whether there be any other Inscription, I know not. Some have suggested that he was a Roman Catholick, and indeed it is my opinion that he was more a Roman Catholick than a Protestant. It is commonly said that he would have his name wrote *Caius* in every Case, w^{ch} shows him to have been an humourist. The first Ed. of his book *de Ant. Cant. Acad.* was printed at London in 8^{vo} by Bynneman anno 1568; the second was printed in *aedibus Johannis Daii* at London, 1574, in 4^{to}, but is not so beautifull as the first, and coming out after the
 40 Author's death, I know not whether the Additions (w^{ch} are of no great moment) are all genuine. The 1st Ed. was answered by Mr. Tho. Key of Oxford against whose *Assertio* Dr. Cay had levelled his Book, but Key dying in May 1572, the answer was never yet printed, and I believe it never

Sept. 11, 1729. John Loveday to R. (Rawl. 7. 180) [see Diary, Sept. 14 and 22].

¹ Rembrances, MS.

came to Dr. Cay's hands. The 2nd Ed. of Cay, and indeed the whole work, was replied to by Br. Twyne, whose book was printed at Oxford 1608, 4^o, but without notice of Thomas Key's excellent reply in MS. I know not the name of the *Orator Cantabrigiensis*, that occasioned Key's *Assertio*.

Sept. 14 (Sun.). Mr. Weeksey having, upon his ejection from Oriel College, appealed to the L^d Chancellour of England, S^r Peter King, Visitor of that College on the behalf of (what they call the King) the Duke of Brunswick; w^{ch} S^r Peter, having never been of any University, knows nothing of College affairs; S^r Peter thereupon made null the Election of 10 the Provost of Oriel College, because the Provost had not every vote, and declared Weeksey's ejection (there being no Warden) illegal, but afterwards he made Dr. Hodges Warden himself, by virtue of his Visitatorial Power & restored Weeksey to his fellowship, a mandate or decree being come to the College for that Restoration.

At the end of Sherlock's *Discourse concerning a future Judgment*, the 5th Ed., London 1699, among Books printed for and to be sold by W. Rogers, at the Sun over against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street, are the 4 following: 'Mr. Griffith's sermon at St. Lawrence Church in Reading, Oct. 3, 1692, being the last day on w^{ch} the mayor was sworn, 20 4^{to}; also Folly of Atheism demonstrated to the Capacity of the most unlearned Reader, 8^{vo}; also The Summ of Christianity, price 3^d, sticht; also a short Scripture catechism, 12^o.' I never knew before that Mr. Griffyth (vicar of White Waltham) who was a great man, had published anything but the sermon. Mr. Loveday gave me the note of the said four things. 'Tis probable Mr. Griffyth hath printed other Things. Quære.

Sept. 15 (Mon.). Lev. xix. 27 in the Latin is *Neque in rotundum attondebitis comam, nec radetis barbam*, w^{ch} (were there none besides) was a sufficient reason for W^m of Wickham's prohibiting the Custom *radendi* 30 *barbas* in New College. In the Bible printed anno 1541 'tis thus translated: *Ye shall not rounde the lockes of your heads, neyther shalt thou marre the tufts of thy bearde*.

Sept. 16 (Tu.). 'Tis very probable that S^r Simonds D'Ewes might have the MS. relating to Ford Abbey in the Cotton Library, that is quoted in the Monasticon, and that it might not after his Death (which happened anno 1650, in the 48th year of his age) be restored. 'Tis certain that S^r Simonds was very curious in things of this kind, and he would often borrow books from that Library, w^{ch} tho' he used religiously to restore again, yet after his Death there might be some failure. But 40 this being only surmize, I do not insist upon it. As for Dodesworth, I am apt to think he very honestly restored it again, if he had it out of the Library at all, and that it was there long after he had made from it those Extracts that Dugdale hath published, which was (as I take it) before the breaking out of the Civil War.

Sept. 14, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 51) [see Diary, Sept. 17, 19, 20, and 21].

Yesterday, Alderman Greenway was elected mayor & Mr. Cotes, a Lathe-maker, and Mr. Williams, an upholsterer, bayliffs of the City of Oxford for the year 1730.

Sept. 17 (Wed.). The Date to *Bale's Vocacyon* Mr. Baker had not observed 'till I directed him to it; upon the Intimation I gave, he finds it as quoted by me in a Letter I lately wrote to him, but neither at the beginning nor end of the Book, but after the Errata. He had it not then, when he wrote to me, by him, being one of the old books he gave to their Library, where they stand not very much regarded or wanted. *Mr. Baker*
 10 *to me, Sept. 14. 1729.*

Sept. 18 (Thur.). Mr. Loveday hath been told that Capt. Elwys of Windsor had several original Papers of Sr Walter Raleigh's, he marrying a Descendant of Sr Walter's. When I was printing Camden's *Eliz.*, Mr. Griffith of White Waltham insinuated to me that he knew a Gentleman that had such papers, that the Gent. desired I would go over and view them. But this I did not do. I suppose he may be the same person. I have got¹ a transcript from a MS. (not an original of Sr Walter's) of the Life of W^m the Conq., wh^{ch} is ascribed to Sr Walter Raleigh, but I am of opinion that Sr Walter was not the Author. Desire Mr. Loveday
 20 to enquire whether among the said Papers there be any such Life written by Sr Walter's own hand.

Sept. 19 (Fri.). The following copy of an original Letter from K. James II, when Duke of York, was sent me by Mr. Baker of Cambridge, Sept. 14, 1729, not to be printed, for indeed it is not worth printing, but being only a Curiosity, 'tis to be kept by me as such:—

'For Mr. Lenthall, Speaker of the House of Commons. Mr. Speaker, I understand that there was a Letter of mine intercepted going to the King, wh^{ch} I confesse was a fault; & therefore I desire you to let the House know that I will engage my honour & faith never to engage my selfe any
 30 more in such businesses. And my request is that I may continue where I now am, in doing wh^{ch} you will much oblige me, who am, Your Friend, Yorke. St. James's, Feb. 20, 1647.' Endorsed thus: *Duke of Yorke reported 22nd Feb. 1647.*

'This (says Mr. Baker) I can vouch to be taken from an Original, & if I might acquaint you how I came by it, you could have no doubt of it.'

Sept. 20 (Sat.). Mr. John Ray, the famous Botanist, dyed at his house in Black Notley, near Braintree in Essex, Jan. 17, 1704⁴, in the 82 yeare of his age. Dr. Tho. Smith's MSS. Coll. penes me vol. 144,
 40 p. 154.

Sept. 20, 1729. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. 17. 48). Sends MSS., lent by Mr. Newsham, Deputy-Recorder of Warwick [see Diary, vol. 123, pp. 73 and 100].

¹ In the margin, 'I have no transcript. I only read it, but did not think it worth while to transcribe it.'

From Mr. Baker's Letter to me, dat. Sept. 14, 1729. 'Lord Oxford is now at Wymple with my Lady & other company. He has not yet been at Cambridge. If I have the honor to see him, I will enquire concerning Sr Simonds D'Ewes's medals. You know how Sr Simonds came by part of that valuable collection, not over honestly, but by his Interest in Hugh Peters, who for some short time had the keeping of the Library at St. James's. This you find in an Author well known to you, your worthy friend Dr. Smith, in *Vita Patricii Junii* pag. 34, 35, ^{wh} I mention because you, in the crowd of other business, might possibly forget it, & because it is a particular you will not meet with in Sr Simond's Life by ¹⁰ himself. At the same page you will meet with Gems and Rings as well as medals *a sceleso illo Hugone pecuniis numeratis emisse*. This, I am sure, is good authority with you and will confirm you in the hard opinion you have of that vain man.

Patricius Young, A.M. Oxon., incorporatus Cantabrigiae an. 1619, 20.

Of his brother John Young, S.T.B., Coll. Sid. an. 1611 [afterwards Dean of Winchester] it is noted upon our Register—*The first Scottish man that ever kept his Acte & tooke Degree in this Universitie*.

These two notes are entred in the margin of our worthy Friend's book at Patr. Young, & so you will accept 'em, as if they came from him.' ²⁰

Thus far Mr. Baker. It must, upon this occasion, be remembered that I should have had all the books of Dr. Smith's own writing with MSS. corrections & Additions, but two of them I had not, viz. his *Discourse about the Druids* & his *Vitae Illustrum Virorum*.

Sept. 21 (Sun.). They have taken in to St. John's Coll. Library at Cambridge the 2nd Ed. of Rymer, &c. Edw. II's reign takes up a good part of two volumes. If Mr. Baker thought there were anything in 'em that would help me to explain the Authors about Edw. II that I am now printing, he would send it me.

The said 2nd Ed. is prized¹ by Tonson the Bookseller at 50 libs. and ³⁰ yet there are 500 copies printed. Mr. George Holmes of the Tower had the care of the said 2^d Ed. & took great pains in it. Mr. Holmes is deputy keeper of the Records and understands these things perfectly well.

Sept. 22 (Mon.).

[Epitaph in Laurence Waltham church of Bridget Griffyth, daughter of Edward and Jane Rudge of Blazes in Laurence Waltham, wife of John Griffyth, vicar of White Waltham; she died May 26, 1696, aged 31.

Also in Shottesbrooke Church the epitaph of Sara Cherry, daughter of Francis Cherry; she died June 25, 1714, aged 21.

Also in Shottesbrooke churchyard the epitaph of Edmund Staples, 'pastor' ⁴⁰ of that church; who died Jan. 6, 1722, aged 48.

Also in the Chancel of St. Mary's, Reading, the epitaph of William Reeves, vicar of the parish, chaplain to Queen Anne and rector of Craneford, who died Mar. 26, 1726, aged 57.]

Mr. Reeves's immediate predecessor in the Living of St. Mary's,

¹ i. e. priced.—Ed.

Reading, was not Mr. Francis Fox, the present Vicar, but Mr. Abraham Brooksbank, buried just by Mr. Reeves.

I know not who the Author of Mrs. Sarah Cherry, daughter of Mr. Francis Cherry's Epitaph was; nor had I heard of any monument to her, 'till Mr. Loveday told me. Perhaps Mr. Staples himself or somebody that he got to do it. Whoever 'twas, I take him to have been of a different persuasion from Mr. Cherry, otherwise he would have mentioned in it Mr. Cherry's integrity, w^{ch} (as well as his other Virtues and great Learning) made him so deservedly respected. Sometime after Mr.
 10 Cherry's death, I remember somebody told me that a monument was designed for him in the Church, with an Inscription (different from what had been put by his own order over his Grave in the Churchyard) agreeable to what I have wrote of him in my Preface to Leland's Collectanea, but I heard no more of it, & perhaps no more was meant than what is said of him in his Daughter's Epitaph. Mr. Staples, tho' related to Mr. Cherry, yet was of different Principles from him, and I remember when I was taking a Catalogue of some of Mr. Cherry's Books, not long before Mr. Cherry died, among w^{ch} were those MSS. Mr. Cherry designed for me, tho' I never had them, he kept Mr. Staples out of the Study and signified
 20 that he did not care he should see the Books, fearing he might endeavour to get them away, as indeed afterwards he got many, and I believe (at least I suspect) that he got those very MSS. I should have had.

Sept. 23 (Tu.). Last night I spent the evening with Mr. Fletcher Gyles and Mr. Charles Davis of London, booksellers. Mr. Whiteside of the Museum and Mr. Taylour of Univ. Coll. were also with us.

The said Davis is a man that bears little better Character with many honest men than Edmund Curle. He makes it his business to pryate books, & hath reprinted something from mine without acknowledgement, particularly what I have about L^d Cobham at the end of Titus Livius
 30 Foro-Jul.; this I mentioned to him. He said he had it from the Tower, w^{ch} is a Lye. I had it from Mr. George Holmes, who transcribed it from the Tower & Davis stole it from my Book, & he insinuated that he would do so with respect to other things. He printed this thing about Cobham at the end of his paltry Bale's trifling book about that L^d.

Mr. Gyles said he hath got in the Press Lambard's Topographical Dictionary of Britain, the MS. of w^{ch} he shewed me some years ago.

Davis said he was going to reprint Caius's Antiquities of Cambridge, & that Mr. Jebb was to do it.

Sept. 24 (Wed.). Yesterday Mr. Richard Knipe was installed Canon
 40 of Christ Church in room of Dr. Stratforde deceased. This Gent. was formerly Student of that College. He is son (*quaere*) of the late Dr.

Sept. 24, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 35; Diaries 122. 71). Returns the Parchment. Believes the accusation against Lord Bacon is certainly true. Wishes to know if he possesses Henry Wilkinson's catalogue of the books in the Library of Magdalen Hall.

Sept. 24, 1729. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 13) [*see* Diary, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1].

[Endorsed by Hearne, **Sept. 1729.**] **James West to H.** (Rawl. 11. 154)

Thomas Knipe. He is a great Rattle, being soft and weak. He is Chaplain to the Duke of Brunswick and went lately over with him to Hanover, and returned with him back again.

Sept. 25 (Thur.). Mrs. Clements, widow of the late Mr. Henry Clements of Oxford, bookseller, told me yesterday that she is four years younger than her brother Clements, a farmer of Clifton near Oxford, now 82 or 83, and that she was born at Clifton.

Sept. 23, I received a Parchment deed from Dr. Rawlinson, signed by Sr Thomas More's own hand. It covered a Plantin Edition of St. Ignatius's Epistles. I have copied it as follows:—

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Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas More de Chelsehyth, miles, dedi [&c.] Johanni Clement in medicina doctori, Henrico Say generoso, Waltero Marshe de London mercero, Johanni Heywode generoso, Ricardo Heywode generoso, Willelmo Rastell generoso, Johanni Marshe, Johanni Watson, Thomae Sharpe et Ricardo Symkys omnia terras et tenementa mea [&c.] in villa vel campis de Chelsehith seu alibi in comitatu Middelsex; habenda [&c.] eisdem Johanni Clement [&c.] imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis [&c.] ad usum et usus et intentiones in quibusdam indenturis de data presentis cartae inter me & Johannem Harryes confectis specificatos. Et ego [&c. warranty]. In cuius [&c. sealing]. Dat' vicesimo quinto die 20 mensis Marcii anno regni regis Henrici octavi vicesimo quinto.

Per me Thomam More militem.

Sept. 26 (Fri.). Dr. Rawlinson, who hath a hand with Mr. Blackbourne in the new Ed. of L^d. Bacon's works, is displeased at what is said by Sr Simonds D'Ewes about the said L^d, in the fragment I have printed at the end of Evesham's Life of Ric. II, and says the character of Sr S. Dewes is very much exploded at London.

I know not what he means by *exploded*. Sr Simonds was certainly a Puritan and a vain man, but then he was a very studious, sober, learned, and industrious man, & is certainly to be credited, when he gives a bad 30 character of a Puritan, as L^d Bacon was without doubt a Puritan, as his Father (of whom Sr Simonds speaks very well) was before him, & 'tis owing to his Father (Sr Nicholas Bacon) that the Queen of Scots was ruined, he hindering her being freed from Prison. In short, I believe (& so do others) that what Sr Simonds hath said of L^d Bacon is certainly true, & I am certainly told that no good man is displeased with it, the Dr. (it may be) and some few others excepted, that are concerned in the Ed. of his works.

Wilmot told me yesterday, he had still got Bale with Bale's own MSS. notes by him, but he denied to show me the Book.

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Sept. 27 (Sat.). Mr. Ward thinks the Pictures in his MS. of Rouse were taken from authentick monuments, then in being (as perhaps in the fine painted glass, formerly belonging to the church of Warwick), and he judges them truly copied by Rouse, who was indefatigable in his searches

[see Diary, Oct. 10, which is taken from this Letter]. 'I had sooner wrote to you, but the Concern I have been under occasioned by my Father's loss of his sight prevented me. . . . I hope shortly to have some Curious Pieces privately printed.'

after our Antiquities. I can say nothing to that point whence he took them, but I have given my reasons for omitting them formerly, nor can I think that the charges of having them engraved & printed would have been defrayed in the sale. Neither indeed would the use have been equal to the pains.

Sept. 28 (Sun.). On Thursday, Sept. 18, 1729, died Richard Graves of Mickleton near Campden in Gloucestershire, Esq., in the 53rd year of his age, being born April 22, 1677. He was one of the most worthy and virtuous Gentlemen I was acquainted with. He was also a most excellent
10 Scholar and Antiquary, a man of great modesty and of a most sweet Temper, and a great Friend to his Tenants and to the Poor, so that all People are very sorry for his Death, ^{wh} I hear was sudden, tho' he had been of late much afflicted with the epidemical Feaver and ague that hath raged (and still rages) so much for these 3 years. He was very studious, and made great collections, and was upon a work he designed to have published relating to the Antiquities of Evesham & some other Abbies.

Sept. 29 (Mon.). From Fog's Journal for Sat., Sept. 27, 1729:—

From Boslam near Newcastle in Staffordshire, we have the following Inscription, which was lately put upon a Tomb-stone, viz. 'Here lies the
20 Body of Richard Bennet of this Parish, who departed this life the 22nd of Aug. 1729, in the 109th year of his age; also near this place lies the Body of Mary Bennet his wife, who dyed in the 103rd year of her Age, and the Bodies of Richard and Elizabeth Robinson, her Father and Mother; he dyed in the 114th year, and she in her 108th.' Mr. Luke Bennet of the Admiralty Office is the son of Richard Bennet, and like to live as long as any of his Ancestors, being now in the 61st year of his age and lately married.

Sept. 30 (Tu.). When I last talked with Dr. Tanner, I told him I desired to know something more of the little Monastery of Wintney near Hartford Bridge in Hampshire, than we have in the Monasticon or
30 Leland's Collectanea. He then told me, he might have some Memorandums and perhaps Charters belonging to that House. But now he tells me, from Norwich, Sept. 24, he can't find any of the latter, and all that he hath about it for his new Ed. of the *Notitia Monastica* is only thus:

[Extract omitted.]

Dr. Caius had a mean opinion of John Wickliff and therefore he thought the Oxonians ought not to be proud that John Wickliff was educated among them. See the 8^{vo} Ed. of his Book, p. 268.

When Wickliff's Doctrine began to prevail in the Univ. of Oxford, the Sermons, before they were preached publicly, used to be examined by
40 the Doctors of Div.; *ib.* p. 270, 271. Quære whether there were any such thing at Cambridge.

Oct. 1 (Wed.). Dr. Tanner, in the foresaid Letter from Norwich of Sept. 24, told me he hath no account of *John de Trokelowe*, but only that

Oct. 1, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 155). Sends a dissertation by Mr. Ainsworth [see Diary, Oct. 7]. 'Last Wednesday died Peter Le Neve, Esq.'

there was such a Writer, who seemed to have been a monk of St. Alban's and that his *Annals* from A.D. 1307 to A.D. 1323 are in the Cotton Library, Claud. D. vi. 8, with some of the beginning and ending of the same (as his way was). But he is mentioned, as he takes it, by Jo. Pits under the name of *Joannes Triclaus historiographus Anglus*, but that Author seems to have known nothing more of him or his works, what he was, or the time when he lived.

'Dont be too hasty', saith the Dr., 'in printing A. Wood's Diary; let me once more peruse it and talk with you first. I am in some hopes of recovering a little more yet.' NB. 'Tis not the Diary (but his Life 10 extracted from the Diary by himself) that I intend to print.

Dr. Halley hath often said that L^d Bacon was a sodomite; I know not whence he had it. For to be sure, he had never seen S^r Simonds D'Ewes's account. Wilson and others have observed the same. L^d Clarendon saith nothing of him. There is not the least word of his Virtues in his Epitaph made by S^r Henry Wotton at St. Alban's.

Fletcher Gyles told me t'other day that Dr. Mead is very angry with what I printed from S^r Simonds D'Ewes about L^d Bacon, purely upon this account, because the Dr. communicated the Copy with Archbishop Sancroft's remarks of L^d Bacon's works to M^r. Blackbourne, &c., for the 20 new Ed., w^{ch} new Ed. is very much promoted by the Dr. Be this as it will, I am not concerned; let truth take place maugre all Friendship.

Oct. 2 (Thur.). I have heard Browne Willis exclaim mightily against the Duke of Buckingham, that was assassinated in K. Ch. I[s] time, to whom Whaddon Chace belonged, as a most lewd, vicious Man.

Dr. Rawlinson writes me word thus, in a Letter from Lond., Sept. 27, 1729: 'I had a line from M^r. Geo. Smith of Durham, in which was the following Paragraph relating to you: In a little time with your leave I will send up to you for M^r. Hearne a little thing entitled *de injusta vexatione Willielmi episcopi primi per Willielmum regem filium Willielmi 30 Regis*. This B^p was W^m de Karilepho, who sided with Duke Robert, the Bastard's eldest son, against his Brother of England, and this is a large account of his troubles upon that account, never yet printed. If you think it will be acceptable to M^r. Hearne, let me know and I will send it forthwith. It will, in my humble opinion, make a pretty and curious addition to one of his books sometime or other.'

The Dr. says of the Catalogue of Magdalen Hall [see Letter Sept. 24] Library, he knows he hath one copy, as also another he thinks among his late Brothers's books; if it will be of any service he will search for it. [NB. that he hath is (as I take it) the Copy I lent him many years ago.] 40

Oct. 3 (Fri.). M^r. Taylour of Univ. College told me last night that M^r. Denison, M^r. George Ward, & M^r. Rogers of their College do what they can to prejudice their College by insinuating still that K. Alfred was not their Founder.

He said, they and others are extremely nettled at what I have said of Guil. Faber¹ in my Preface to *Vita Ricardi II*, and that they speak of the

¹ i. e. William Smith of Univ. Coll.—Ed.

Letter of Prince Charles at the end of that Book with a Design to sully the reputation of that Prince, & quote me as if I were of their opinion, whereas on the contrary I only call it a Mystery & an Intrigue or *res introducta*, tho' I blame (as he certainly ought to be blamed) the Duke of Buckingham, as Author of the Intrigue, whatever it was. In short, my opinion is the Prince came from that Lady perfectly chaste and pure.

He said they quote me as if I were of opinion that Alfred was not Founder of their College. This is as false as can be. I have asserted the contrary, as any one may see that reads my Books, where I have shewed
 10 that he founded (among other Halls) Great University Hall or the College of Great Univ. Hall.

Many are nettled at what is said in that book of *Vita Ricardi II* about Ld Bacon, w^{ch} however is most certainly true. Such as are for the present Earl of Macclesfield are therefore angry, because they pretend to make Macclesfield a second Bacon; so indeed he is, as being guilty of corrupt Practices, when he was Chancellour (as was plainly and publicly proved), tho' not for Learning.

There are some other Things at w^{ch} several are displeased, notwithstanding their being true.

20 **Oct. 4 (Sat.).** I am told Mr. Graves died of a most violent Feaver, having been ill about a week, the same Feaver that hath raged so long; he had it several times before, but the bark would not stop it now. His estate is worth (I am told) about eight hundred lbs. per an. I am told he died intestate.

I returned Mr. Graves his old anonymous MS. life on Vellum before Xmas last, having wrote nothing out of it. He desired it back, to consult something at the end, being a Fragment (different from the said Life) of some Legend. In his Letter of Friday, Jan. 31, 1728, he told me I might have kept this MS. longer, if I pleased; or whenever I am
 30 desirous of having it again, he said he should very willingly send it me.

Oct. 5 (Sun.). From Fog's Journal for Sat., Oct. 4, 1729:—

Last Thursday s'nnight [Sept. 25] a Thunder-Clap shook the whole Town [i.e. London] breaking vast numbers of windows; and in particular did a great deal of Damage to the Dutchess of Ormond's House in Marybone-Street near Golden Square, w^{ch} she was about leaving; and which she is now obliged to repair.

NB. We had abundance of rain at that time at Oxford & we heard Thunder at a distance, particularly one very great long Clap at one Clock, Friday morn, Sept. 26, w^{ch} I was afterwards told at Horspath near Oxford
 40 frightened them very much there.¹

¹ A piece of paper is here inserted in the Diary, containing a vague account of the sculptured monuments in Sparsholt Church. Hearne says 'Young M^r. Ives, an apothecary in Oxford, whose Father is also an apothecary, tho' the Father is nothing near so goodnatured nor ingenious as the son, notwithstanding he be very rich, communicated to me the following notes, as he had writ them down himself upon viewing Sparsholt Church, to which place of Spersholt he goes very often'.

Oct. 6 (Mon.). From Fogg's Journal, Oct. 4, 1729 :—

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1729, dyed at his seat in the county of Norfolk, Peter Le Neve, Esq., Norroy King at Arms. By his last Will he bequeathes his soul to the One God, and his putrified Body (as he expresses it) to be buried wherever he dyed, and to be conveyed to the Parish Church in a Hearse, attended by his own Coach, one other and no more. He further directs that no Undertaker, alias Cold Cook, or Upholder, shall have the management thereof. He has left his valuable collection of Books, both Printed and Manuscript, for the general use of the Learned, to be repositied in some publick Library for that Purpose. 10

On Friday, Sept. 26, died at his Lodgings in Bride Lane, London, Mr. W^m Bromfeld, who made a considerable Figure in the Courts of King James II in England and at St. Germain's, as also in Ireland before its Reduction. He was suspended abroad; and for some years was imprisoned in the Bastile, from whence he was released, and procured Leave to return, and had under his Consideration a History of the Revolution, for which Proposals were dispersed. His Body was interred in the Quakers' Burial-Place near Bunhill Fields, on Monday night, Sept. 29, being attended by very few of his own Communion, whom he had disoblged by his Writings against their growing Luxury. In his Will he recommends his soul to the one God and Jesus Christ 20 his eternal Spirit.

NB. Make some inquiry of Dr. Rawlinson or some body else, about the said Bromfeld, and get a clear account of him.

Oct. 7 (Tu.). On Saturday last died, pretty suddenly, Mr. Edward Brookland of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, and was buried on Sunday night in the said St. Peter's churchyard, aged about sixty. His Father died many years ago in the 86 year of his age, a man of good sense, and had been stout, as his three brothers had also been, who also lived to a great age. They were all four born at Sunningwell near Abbingdon in Berks., & were soldiers in the Civil Wars, two at least of them having been 30 for the King.

Mr. R. Ainsworth hath writ & printed in 4^{to} a little Dissertation, w^{ch} he calls '*Ἰσείων, sive ex veteris monumenti Isiaci descriptione Isidis delubrum reseratum; cum notis ad rerum lucem fidemque pertinentibus*'. He hath dedicated it to my friend James West, Esq., to whom the Figure belongs, it being purchased by him out of Dr. Woodward's collection. There is very little in Ainsworth's dissertation, being nothing but a description of Isis, w^{ch} had been given us much better by others. But 'tis observable that Mr. Ainsworth is quite out in making it an Egyptian monument & to be Isis, when 'tis really an Indian Pagod, as is also that 40 in the Ashmolean Museum w^{ch} he mentions from Dr. Richard Middleton Massey, where there are others.

Oct. 8 (Wed.). Yesterday, in a Convocation at two Clock, Dr. Butler was admitted Vice-Chancellour for the year 1730, being his second year.

Oct. 6, 1729. Sir Clement Cottrell at Shotover to H. (Rawl. 4. 98). The copies for himself and Major-General Dormer may be sent 'hither'; both are exceedingly impatient after any publication of H.

Oct. 8, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 36; Diaries, 122. 89). Would like information about Mr. Wm. Bromfeld, who is lately dead. Many years

Such Historians as mention Hen. I to have been educated at Cambridge, are to be understood only of his being taught Grammar there in some Grammar School, and not of University Learning, there being at that time no University there. So I think with Thomas Key in his MS. Defence of the Antiquity of the Univ. of Oxford.

Thomas Key, in his MS. Strictures upon John Cay, p. 307, tells us expressly that 'twas an ancient custom in Univ. Coll. of praying every Sunday for Alfred, as the first Founder of the College.

Thomas Key there (p. 307 & p. 313) mentions Roger of Chester & others, that before Ranulph Higden spoke of K. Alfred's first founding 10 schools of various Arts at Oxford.

Oct. 9 (Thur.). From a Paper given me by Mr. Richard Clements of Oxford, bookseller, who told me 'twas pasted at the end of a copy of Antiq. Oxon. by Wood. Tho' this Epitaph gives a great Character of Dr. Jeames, Warden of All Souls College, yet I cannot but observe here, that I fear 'tis not altogether true, the Dr. having a bastard now living in St. Giles's in Oxford, one Jeames, a married man, that he had by his Bedmaker, one Mrs. Stonehill, who lately died, being named Smith when she died, the name of her second husband.

20 [Latin Epitaph of Dr. Thomas Jeames, apparently from All Souls College.]

Captain Pudsey, of Kidlington near Oxford, died at 2 Clock last Sunday morning and was buried at Kidlington last night, leaving a young wife big with child, by whom he had one child living before, who had had an husband, Mr. Almond, by whom she had no Child before.

Mr. Payn of Kidlington, victualler, was born the beginning of June, 1654, a hearty man, who will walk a great many miles a day.

To enquire of '*historia Buriensis* quam *Regiam* appellat Thomas Caius Oxoniensis; ea vero *historia* ideo *regia* dicta est quod a Buriensi monacho, Ricardi secundi mandato, conscripta fuerit.' Thomas Caius in 30 vindiciis Antiq. Univ. Oxon. MS. p. 322, penes me.

Oct. 10 (Fri.). In Mr. Petyt's MSS. Collections are several copies from the Patent Rolls of Judicial Affairs in Edw. II's reign, among wch 'tis probable may be something about the death of Edw. II.

In the Tower is an extraordinary Roll intituled thus: *Ordinationes tangentes custod Garderobe Hospitii regis, de anno 17 Ed. II.*

Oct. 11 (Sat.). Mr. Wm Tindale, who took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Edm. Hall, Dec. 15, 1708, is Rector of Coates near Cirencester in Gloucestershire. He called upon me on Thursday night

ago H. lent to R. a copy of the Catalogue of Magd. Hall Library; he would be glad to have it again, if it can be easily come at. 'I am very glad to hear Mr. George Smith (to whom my humble service) hath got what you mention concerning the Troubles of William Karilepho for his honest Principles. It will be very acceptable.'

[Endorsed by Hearne, Oct. 9, 1729.] T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 52) [see Diary, Oct. 14 and 15].

last, and told me of a very fine Roman camp at Trewsbury, within the said parish of Coates. He said the Isis rises at Hullacy in that parish.

[Inscriptions from Avebury Church, Wilts., on John Truslowe, who died April, 1593; set up by Richard Truslowe.]

The Clark told Mr. Loveday that one of the Truslowes, w^{ch} family is now extinct with regard to legitimate Issue, the said John Truslowe leaving only bastards behind him, about 20 years since sold the Estate to Esq. Holford.

From Fogg's Journal for Oct. 11:—

Several brass Images of great Antiquity have been discovered in the Abby 10 Orchard at St Alban's, by some Workmen digging the foundation of an House.

Oct. 12 (Sun.). In Avebury Church, Wilts., against the East Wall on the right side of the Altar, is a marble monument for Dame Susanna Holford, daughter of Samuel Trotman of Bucknell, Oxon., Esq., & widow of Sr Richard Holford, one of the Masters in Chancery. She dyed March 20, 1722, aet. 65. Her son Samuel Holford erected the monument.

Against the wall, within the Altar-Rayls, is an English Epitaph on Nicholas Power, only son of Nathaniel Power, Minister of Avebury. He dyed Ap. 27, 1660.

Upon a stone on the Chancel Floor is an Epitaph for John White, the immediate Predecessor of Mr. Mayo, the present Vicar. He dyed Oct. 17, 1712, aet. 70.

On the Floor in the Isles are stones over several of the *Greens* and *Smiths* of West-Kennet, w^{ch} is one of the 3 villages in Avebury parish, of w^{ch} Avebury itself is the second and Beckhampton a third.

Oct. 13 (Mon.). At the same time Mr. Loveday informed me that Presbyterians gain footing at Avebury daily. They have a meeting and a Pastor resident there. This is partly attributed to Mayo the vicar's not living in the Place. They have sometimes no service there for 30 a fortnight running, Mayo being often ill and living as far off as Calne in Wilts.

Dr. Stukeley calls the present clark's father *an Antiquarian* in a picture of his (Dr. Stukeley's) delineating, w^{ch} represents the clark's bust in an oval with this Legend: *Ruben Horsall, clark of Abury and Antiquarian, July 29, 1722.* Without the oval are urns, &c. This Horsall was a shoemaker and dyed in Jan. 1727-28 aged 77, as his son informed Mr. Loveday, w^{ch} son is of the same trade and succeeded his Father as clark. The above-mentioned picture Stukeley gave to the Catharine Wheel at Abury, in a ground room of w^{ch} house it hangs with some more of 40 Stukeley's delineating, two of w^{ch} are *A view of the Cell of the Celtic Temple at Abury, Aug. 16, 1721.* *A view at the South Entrance into the Temple at Abury, Aug. 1722.* [So, it seems, Stukeley calls this Antiquity, I know not whether from Mr. Aubrey's papers; but I take it to have been rather Roman.]

Last night, about 7 Clock, died old Mrs. Whistler, of St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxford, mother of Mr. Whistler the Beadle. Her husband,

a bookbinder, died above 20 years ago. [She was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard, Wed. night, Oct. 15.]

Oct. 14 (Tu.). From what Mr. Baker of Cambridge hath seen of Gascoigne, he thinks an Extract of his Dict. Theol. might be very usefull, and he wishes some of my friends of Lincoln Coll. would make such an Extract, and that I would print it. *Mr. Baker's Letter from Camb. without Date, w^{ch} I received Thur. Oct. 9.*

By Bale's being *moribus dissimilis* [see Diary, Sept. 7] Mr. Baker supposes he (Mr. Baker) might meane that Cranmer was Master of good
10 temper, w^{ch} (as is well known) was much wanting in Bale, who by writing like a Fury has spoyled a good & usefull book. *Ibid.*

Mr. Lewis is now preparing an edition of Wickliff's New Testament in English & Dr. Waterland assisting him. Mr. Baker's correspondence, he thinks, is dropt. In the Preface, giving an account of all the various copies or editions, printed or MSS., of the Bible in English, Lewis had said somewhat of me, w^{ch} the Dr. has advised him to leave out. Mr. Baker hopes he will take good advice, *tho'* (says he) *I dare say you will not be concerned at what he may say.* *Ibid.*

Oct. 15 (Wed.). Mr. Baker at the same time told me that by his
20 next he may possibly send me a copy of an Original Letter of K. Ch. II, but it is barely a Curiosity and of no manner of use.

You will shortly (says Mr. Baker) see in Print an Account of that King's Escape from Worcester, as it was dictated by the King himself to Mr. Pepys, amongst whose Books & MSS. it is now lodged at Magdalen College. I had the reading of it by Dr. Waterland's favor. It is a very entertaining Piece & will correct all the Accounts we have yet had. *Ibid.*

Oct. 16 (Thur.). Last Thursday, Oct. 9, I delivered to Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll., Walter Hemyngford's Chronicon Edwardi III, a transcript I had received of Dr. Tanner, to be compared with the original from
30 whence it was taken in that College Library. This Transcript was done by one Jon, formerly of Queen's Coll., Oxon., when young, but there are abundance of faults in it. [Mr. Loveday hath since returned it me, with his Collations.]

Oct. 17 (Fri.). Yesterday died Mr. Crastor, fellow of Oriel College. Yesterday I saw in Magd. Coll. Library a vellom fragment (p. 2 of MS. LIII) of good note relating to the Priory of Wymondham in Norfolk, w^{ch} Mr. Loveday (who shewed it me) promised in time to transcribe for me. [This he hath since done.]

Oct. 18 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson tells me he can say little to W^m
40 Bromfeld's death. His character is one of the most obscure parts of History, and could only be cleared by himself, if to be believed. That he

Oct. 17, 1729. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries 122. 100). Desires to know how Cott. MS. Nero D. II. 22 (Walter Hemyngford's Chronicon) begins, of what age it is, whether it contains a chapter *de bello apud Cressy commisso*, and whether it is continued lower than the battle of Cressy.

Oct. 18, 1729. J. West to H. (Rawl. II. 152) [see Diary, Oct. 20]. 'Mr. Jett, Mr. Granger, Murray, Bateman & self now drink your health.'

bore eminent posts in Ireland after 1688, as Mint-Master general, and paymaster general to the loyal but unfortunate Army, is well known ; but then how justly he acquitted himself is not so evident, nor the advantages the King or party received from his base Coinage. All was to have been made out by a piece, for w^{ch} he had published double proposals of two colours, flags agreeable to either party, whom he studied to please, thereby making his sincerity suspected. His treatment in the Bastile at Paris, and the reasons of his imprisonment are too mysterious to pry into. The Q.-Mother was generally judged the cause, tho' in her affairs she was frequently as innocent as unfortunate. His gaol delivery, good and bad ¹⁰ usage abroad & at home, leave room for speculations. He did service to one or two honest men, who for that reason out of Gratitude have spoke well of him publickly. But notwithstanding this, Bromfeld is said to have been *omnium horarum homo*, often at Jacobite cabals, and almost as frequent at the Cockpit, practized Physick, particularly, if I remember right, he published some pills, wrote against his brethren, and (as I am told) with some difficulty was permitted a burial in their ground near Bunhill Fields, unattended by any of his own persuasion, and uncelebrated over his grave, an indignity most unusual, and it seemed to some, before the ground was thrown up, the Friends had some remorse, as two came ²⁰ with an intent to speak, but finding no auditory, retired. He has left a will in w^{ch} he constitutes his daughter his heiress, to whom he gives a real or pretended large debt, due (as he says) from St. Germain's.

Oct. 19 (Sun.). But tho' Bromfeld left a Will, yet a copy of it cannot be procured by Dr. Rawlinson, by reason in these times it cannot be proved; it being, it seems, the way to deny the proving of Wills of persons that are Non-Jurors (tho' Bromfeld was a Quaker), witness those of Sancroft and Bridgeman unproved, tho' the effects have been disposed of according to their minds by their next Heirs at Law.

Old Peter le Neve (who is lately dead) was a good-natured, communi- ³⁰ cative man, and hurtfull to none but himself, in a late and imprudent marriage, a rock on which many have split. He was capricious and odd in his life, as probably in his death.

The author of the Appendix to B^p Ward's life, against Dr. Pope, I take to have been Dr. Thomas Wood, at least old Dr. Hugh Wynne and some others used to tell me so.

They expect at London a sale of Dr. Grey's library, curious in English and Scotch History, in which it abounds.

Some say Dr. White Kennett's books are designed for the world. The numerous additions, corrections, glosses, &c. in his own hand will (I am ⁴⁰ told) much enhance their Price (tho' not their Worth), if disposed of before his character be forgot. I hear that among them there is a copy of *Athenae Oxon.*, almost equal in MS. additions to the printed book, and this Dr. Rawlinson tells me he hath from one who has seen it.

Oct. 20 (Mon.). The several pieces in Bibl. Cott. of Bernardi Andrae Tholosatis have been perused by Mr. West, who finds them rather fulsome orations, inscribed to Hen. VII, [a¹] running over facts

¹ Not in MS.

at different times transacted [rather¹], than any succinct Account of them. That of Julius A. IV is an Oration on some Transactions from Aug. 1507 to Aug. 1508. *Mr. West's Letter from London, Oct. 18, 1729.*

Peter Le Neve, Esq., some time since gave Mr. West some extracts he had made from those collections Mr. West formerly mentioned to me, relating to White-Waltham, Billingbear, and Shottesbrooke, but at the same time desired him not to send them to me, 'till he had made some additions to them. His Death hath prevented that, so Mr. West will send them to me the first opportunity. *Ibid.*

- 10 In a little MS. Collection of things, Mr. West met with some time since, is a particular Account of the manner of the Christening of the Prince's Highness in the Chappel of St. James, June 27, 1630. If I approve of it, Mr. West will transcribe & send it.

I shall be very glad of it. But quære whether Mr. Carte hath not published some such thing.

- Oct. 21 (Tu.).** I do not find that Lewis's History of Great Britain (wh I have not yet seen) bears any great character. The Author says 'that he had the original of the British History in Parchment, written in the British Tongue before Jeffery of Monmouth's Time, as he concludes
20 from this Circumstance that in his Book Jeffrey's Preface was wanting, and the Preface to his Book was the second Chapter of that published by Jeffrey'. He likewise says he had an ancient copy of Taliessin, chief Poët and Prophet of the Britons, who lived above 1,160 years past, in the time of Mailgwn Gwyned, of which he there gives a specimen, and calls *William of Newbury* Gwyllym Bagh, that is, Little Will.

- Oct. 22 (Wed.).** To enquire whether Otho Nicholson, who founded the Conduit at Cairfax, was of any College or Hall in Oxford, and when 'twas he died. 'Tis probable he might have been (for some little time at least) of X^t Ch. and that might be the reason of his Expense about
30 turning the old Chappell there of St. Lucy into a Library.

To ask Mr. Thomas Allen, Rector of Murston near Sittingbourne in Kent, what 'tis that he hath printed, and whether his name be to any of his Things.

- Oct. 23 (Thur.).** On the 9th of this month, being Thursday, Mr. John Whiteside, Keeper of the Ashm. Museum, chaplain of X^t Ch. and minister of King's Walden in Hartfordshire, went out of Town to the said King's Walden in the afternoon, and lay that night at Tring. I knew nothing of his Journey till the next night, tho' he used always formerly to let me know of his Journeys beforehand. He returned on
40 Thursday, Oct. 16. The next day (being Friday) after my return from my walk, I saw and discoursed with him, & he seemed well. On Sunday morning he called upon me and stayed with me about an hour & discoursed pleasantly, but complained of an Indisposition, as he often would, having had a great pain in his Knee at Intervals for several years. The next day, being Monday, I called at the Museum in the afternoon, but not finding him there, I went to X^t Ch., & found him sitting by the Fire.

¹ Not in MS.

We talked as usually of many particulars, and he told me that his Distemper (as it plainly now appeared) was the yellow Jaundice. He had had the advice of Dr. Lee and 'twas thought it would be soon conquered. Mr. Whiteside told me the Jaundice came by drinking a pretty deal of bad small beer at X^t Ch. after his Journey. Tuesday, in the afternoon, I called upon him again & found him in bed. He talked well & cheerfully as he used to do, and I did not apprehend the danger. But yesterday morning one of his young men at the Museum came to me, and told me he knew no body, and that 'twas feared he could not be recovered. I soon heard this bad news confirmed by other hands. I went to him, but he ¹⁰ was speechless & knew no one. He lay 'till about half an hour after five Clock in the Evening in that manner & then expired. He was a very ingenious, industrious man, an excellent Mathematician and one of the best in England in Experimental Philosophy. He carried on a course of Experiments for many years at the Museum, to the great Advantage of the youth of the University. He took the Degree of A.M., June 23, 1704, as a Member of Brasnose Coll. of w^{ch} he had been a servitour originally.

Oct. 24 (Fri.). Last night Mr. Prujean of St. Clement's by Oxford told me and others that all in the Parish of Heythrop are Roman Catholicks excepting one Family. ²⁰

I have formerly mentioned an anonymous Life of Thomas a Becket in the hands of my late friend Mr. Graves, w^{ch} he lent me for some time, but having not had leisure to transcribe any Things from it, I returned it upon his desire, he having had occasion to consult it. Yet in his Letter to me of Jan. 31, 1728-9, he writes thus: 'You might have kept the MS. Life of Thomas à Becket longer, if you pleased; or whenever you are desirous of having it again, I shall very willingly send it you.'

Oct. 25 (Sat.). The eight first Reading Mercuries (published anno 1723) are valuable upon account of the Relation in them of the Bounds of Reading & of the List of the Mayors from the xth year of Hen. VI, ³⁰ anno 1432, when, it seems, it became a Mayor Town. Which account of Reading and of the several Mayors was sent to the Press by John Watts, Esq., who was Mayor for the year 1722.

Oct. 26 (Sun.). Mr. Whiteside was buried at X^t Church in the Cathedral, at the time of Prayers at four Clock in the afternoon, on Friday last, Oct. 24, as I was told in my Return from my Country walk, for I knew nothing of it 'till then.

Dr. Archer, in a Letter from Wells of the 6th inst., tells me that he is much pleased that the transcript, from their accounts from Wells, of the yearly allowance at Christmas to the *episcopus puerorum* proved acceptable ⁴⁰ to me.

The statute I desired a copy of was made in the time of worthy John Godele, dean of the Church of Wells, April 16, 1331, & is in these words, as the Dr. assures me: 'Item a festo Natalis Christi usque ad octavas Innocentium quidam clerici, subdiaconi, diaconi, presbyteri etiam hujus

Oct. 25, 1729. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 69) [see Diary, Dec. 1 and 2].

Oct. 26, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 53) [see Diary, Nov. 2, 3, and 5].

ecclesiae vicarii ludos faciunt theatrales in ecclesia Wellensi, et monstra larvata introducentes in ea insaniae suae ludibria exercere presumunt, contra honestatem clericalem et sacrorum prohibitionem canonum, divinum officium multipliciter impediendo, quod de caetero in ecclesia Wellensi sub poena canonica fieri prohibentes, volumus quod divinum officium in festo sanctorum Innocentium, sicut in festis sanctorum consimilibus quiete et pacate absque quocumque tumultu et ludibrio cum devotione debita celebretur.'

The feast (saith the Dr.) of the Holy Innocents includes the whole
 10 Octaves, on every day of which the young bishop and his attendant choristers had their part of the divine service assigned them. This religious shew was attended with great licence of irregular diversions, which drew together a great concourse of people to partake of them, the indecent inconveniency of which this statute, as in other places many provincial & diocesan constitutions were made to prevent.

Oct. 27 (Mon.). Dr. Archer fancys a tolerable good catalogue of the abbots and priors of the religious houses in the county of Somerset may be picked up out of their registers & some of his own collections, together with the number of monks, canons, & nuns which lived in them. He
 20 desires me to let him know, whether such an account would be acceptable to me; if it will, he shall (he says) be very glad to serve me in any thing in his power &c.

Such an account will not only be acceptable to me, but (I believe) will be of good service to the publick, the Dr. being well versed in these affairs & able to make curious occasional observations & remarks in drawing up such a Catalogue.

Oct. 28 (Tu.). Mr. Whiteside's father is still living, being a Glasier at Kirkham in Lancashire.

I have got by me now a very thick modern Paper MS. in Folio (being
 30 lent me by the Earl of Oxford, who sent it by the coach on July 25 last, from Dover Street, Westminster) of Walter Coventry. It was one of Bp Stillingfleet's MSS. and he copied it from the MS. in Corpus X^{ti} College in Cambridge.

We have no Edition of *Marianus Scotus* in relation to our English affairs. He was one of the eldest writers. Florence of Worcester, indeed, has transcribed from him, notwithstanding wh^{ch} my L^d Oxford thinks it would not be amiss to have an edition of Marianus with his own name to it. There is a MS. of him in the Cotton Library; there is one also in the Bodleian Library. So my L^d.

40 NB. Florence of Worcester is really Marianus Scotus & I have got him collated with 3 MSS., but then Florence comes much lower than Marianus & I think the whole therefore should be published in Florence's name, as was designed both by Dr. Ger. Langbaine & Mr. Wharton.

Oct. 27, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 37). Gives an account of Mr. Whiteside's death.

Oct. 27, 1729. F. Drake, surgeon, of York, to H. (Rawl. 4. 124). Asks the advice of H. about the history of York that he is planning. [Printed in *Letters from Bodl.* ii. 76.]

Oct. 29 (Wed.). Yesterday being St. Simon & Jude, the Sermon before the University was preached at St. Peter's in the East by Mr. Eden, Fellow of Univ. College, and afterwards there was a great Gaudy at Univ. College in the manner Gaudies were formerly held there, w^{ch} have been discontinued ever since the Death of Dr. Charlett, which happened Nov. 18, 1729.¹

Dr. Rawlinson's MS. of L^d Somers's, in w^{ch} there are so many Characters of those of that time, hath drawn so many people to see it, that the Dr. told me on the 7th of May last, till the town is a little emptied, it would be inconvenient to send it to me, a thing I had desired 10 of him, on purpose that I might have a sight of it and so judge accordingly.

Dr. Rawlinson at the same time sent me engraved the Copy of an old seal, of which he said he had procured the Matrix. It hath much surprized the Antiquaries, as he added. It is this :²

Oct. 30 (Thur.). On the 10th of Sept. last, Charles Gray of Colchester Esq. wrote me a long letter about his opinion of Camalodunum, w^{ch} he takes to be Colchester. Upon w^{ch} I have written to him the following short answer, for he desired my sentiments to be conveyed by Mr. Corsellis of Lincoln College, who brought me Mr. Gray's Letter :— 20

'Sir, 'Twas with great pleasure I received and read your letter of the 10th of Sept., and the rather so, because it contains some curious remarks of yours relating to Colchester, and because it gives me hopes that our Correspondence will be renewed. It is now many years since I particularly considered Antoninus's Itinerary, viz. when I was publishing Leland's Itinerary; in w^{ch} work, as I have published Antoninus, so I have also mentioned what I took to be the modern names of the several stations. You will there find Camalodunum to be Saffron Walden. 'Tis true I followed Dr. Gale, but then I looked upon his authority to be so good, as that I judged, upon a carefull Reading of his Book, that he had given the most satisfactory account of the 30 stations I had met with. Colchester, without doubt, was a considerable Roman garrison; but if it should not prove to be Camalodunum, it need not be wondered at, that 'tis omitted in the Itinerary, since many other Roman stations that were also famous are wholly omitted in that ancient monument, w^{ch} shews (as I always thought) that there are Defects in it.

Our excellent friend Mr. Corsellis is so kind as to undertake the conveyance of this letter. From him you will understand that I am now printing John Trokelowe's Annals of Edw. II and some other pieces (that are to go with him) of the same kind, a work that I hope will be finished about X^{mas} next. You formerly told me you had a collection of some curious MSS. papers (one 40

Oct. 29, 1729. Walter Pryse to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 111). Dr. Fullerton has spoken to him about Mr. Walden's legacy to H.; Mr. Pryse will discourse with Mr. Orme about it, as soon as he sees him.

¹ Dr. Charlett died Nov. 4, 1722.—Ed.

² Then follows an engraving of the 'Sigillum antiquum hospitalis sanctae Mariae de Bettelem extra bishoppsgate Londoniarum'. Rawlinson, no doubt detecting that he had misread the inscription, had another plate engraved in which *antiquum* was altered to *commune*. The plate is now at the Bodleian Library.—Ed.

of w^{ch} you communicated to me, and I have printed it) the account of which was very entertaining to me. I suppose you may have since improved the Collection, a piece of news that will be equally agreeable to,

Sir, your obliged & most humble servant,
Tho: Hearne.

Nov. 1 (Sat.). Mr. Thomas Winder, formerly of Trinity Coll., Oxon., is Vicar of Hartley Wintney in Hampshire. He married a Daughter of Dr. Dobson, the President of Trinity. He called upon me on Thursd. last to consult me about the Nunnery of Wintney, he being endeavouring
10 to recover some Tithes to the Vicaridge. I told him what I knew thereof, w^{ch} was more than he had ever met with, and I promised him a copy, & that I would leave it with his Father-in-Law, the President of Trinity.

The present Dutchess of Brunswick, commonly called Queen Caroline, is a very proud Woman & pretends to great Subtlety and Cunning. She drinks so hard that her Spirits are continually inflamed & she is often drunk. This last summer she went away from Orkney House near Maidenhead (at w^{ch} she had dined) so drunk, that she spewed in the Coach all her Journey as she went along, a thing much noted.

Nov. 2 (Sun.). My friend Mr. Baker says in his Letter from Cambridge, Oct. 26, 1729, that he read Blount's Boscobel with pleasure when he was very young in his Father's house, as indeed it is a very pleasant entertaining book, & perhaps may contain many things that were communicated by Father Huddleston, whom Mr. Wood heard at Oxford to relate the whole story. It is very strange (as Mr. Baker observes) that the King should only name Father Huddlestone once in his long narrative penned by Mr. Pepys, and without due acknowledgement of his services. But in truth the King is too full of himself & too

Nov. 2, 1729. George Ballard to H. (Rawl. 2. 2). Asks the value of some Roman coins which he intends to buy [see also Diary, Nov. 8, 13, 15].

Nov. 2, 1729. Sam. Catherall to H. (Rawl. 4. 41). 'The news of Mr. Whiteside's & poor Craster's death, which I received not before yesterday, gave me a great concern, and sitting in a melancholy mood by myself, I wrote the following lines, which I hope you'll take in good Part, as they relate to our common friend :—

'Dear Sir, would I could write in older strains,
The Tuitsh, or Druid; or with Merlin's Brains;
I, peradventure, should relieve my Friend
Of Edmund Hall, & timely Comfort send.
Is Whiteside dead? To other Worlds he's flown,
Intelligent of this. Hear Nature groan
Through all her works. Empyrean Air he draws,
Wond'ring & soaring far above Mechanick Laws:
He drinks his Nectar now, not Cat Street mild;
He thinks poor Sam a babe, & Hearne a Child.
Eclipses now will shew themselves in vain;
And Lettered youth of their sad Loss complain:
The Vertue of the Load-stone, sure, must die
And even his sylver-quick inactive lie.
The Rainbow, that shall next adorn the Skies,

much forgets his Friends. When he came to dye he remembered Mr. Huddleston, *who had preserved him in the Tree and now he hoped would preserve his soul.* 'As it is,' says Mr. Baker, 'you will shortly have it in print, together with Wicklif's New Testament, & if that succeeds, you may probably have the Old. It was Dr. Waterland's advice to begin with the New ^{wh} possibly was not amiss, for Mr. Russell having undertaken for the whole, the Design was too great for him & so miscarried.'

So Mr. Baker. I well remember Mr. Russell's Proposals and the Reception they met with. He was put upon the Undertaking by W. Kennett, who indeed was looked upon as the chief Person concerned ¹⁰ in the edition. Men judged here that it could be of no true service either to Religion or Learning. Russell's Abilities were as much decryed as Lewis's, tho' I think the latter bears much the worse Character. Indeed this Lewis bears such a character as I care not to mention now.

Nov. 3 (Mon.). Having mentioned what Parker says of Dr. Caius in his *Sceletos Cant.* to Mr. Baker, Mr. Baker thereupon wrote to me as follows concerning the said Caius, in his Letter from Cambridge of the 26th of Oct. 1729: 'Parker you may safely trust in what concerns his own College. In the Continuation of Dr. Caius's Annals of his College, it is as you have it—*Johannes Caius, medicinae Doctor, electus et creatus* ²⁰ *est custos Collegii de Gonneville et Caius 24 Jan. an. Domini 1559. Et postquam functus est officio custodis ad annos tredecim, menses quinque et dies 14 resignavit officium suum custodis Thomae Legge, artium magistro, viro gravi atque docto, et Custodi decimo nono, 27^o die Junii, hora sexta mane statim a precibus anno domini 1573.*

Idem Jo. Caius, secundo, tertio et quarto Julii anno domini 1573 curavit ut sepulchrum ejus concameratum, in quo reponeretur corpus ejus, construeretur sub Tabernaculo Annuntiationis B. Mariae, ex parte septentrionali summi Altaris in sacello Collegii sui, expectans Dei voluntatem, gravis annis et morbo. ³⁰

Idem Joh. Caius, natus sexto die Octobris anno domini 1510, postquam vixisset annos 62, menses 10, et dies 16, resignassetque officium suum Custodis Collegii praedicti Thomae Legge infrascripto, homini Norwici oriundo et professione Jurisperito, languido morbo correptus, exhaustis viribus in magna Imbecillitate obiit mortem Londini 29^o Julii, anno domini 1573. Proximo die ejus cadaver Cantabrigiam transvectum fuit &c.

On the north side of the Chappell near the Altar is the Monument of Dr. Caius thus: *Vixit post funera Virtus. Fui Caius. Aetatis suae 63, obiit 29 Julii, anno domini 1573.*

In Complaisance will put on sable Dyes,
And the bright Morning Stars forget to rise.
Even you, alas, with grief o'ercome, shall lend
Some tears, & lose the Stoick in the Friend;
So stern Achilles wept. But you & I,
Observant of Decorum, will not cry
Like children (for we all were born to die).
Basse's immortal Ale shall make us gay
He holds out conquest, that dilutes his Clay.

The Dr., as you observe, was a Humorist, as appears both by his Building, from his Grant of Arms (a Copy whereof I have from the Herald's Office) ^{wh} seems to have been of his own contriving, & otherwise. He did seem to affect the name Caius, & yet his true name was Key:—

Anno 1532,3. *Imprimis conceditur Joanni Kees ad respondendum Quaestioni.* This you know was Bac. of Arts, Senior of his Year. Anno 1535 *Dominus Keys incipit in Artibus* (Regr. Acad. Cant.). Anno 1557,8 *Concessum est Doctori Caio ut sit hic apud vos in eisdem gradu, ordine et anno, quibus fuit in transmarinis partibus* (Regr. Acad.). *Idem creatus* 10 *est Doctor Patavii 13^o Maii anno domini 1541 ut patet per Literas testimoniales a me lectas et consideratas.* Math. Stokes, notarius publicus. (Ibid.)

His Book in 4^{to}, as you observe, was a Posthumous work, but it was left in very safe and carefull hands, viz. Archb^p Parker's, who bore part of the expence of the Edition, as I find in some MSS. notes of his son Sir John Parker.

The Dr., in all appearance, was a Roman Catholic, and yet he joyned in Communion with the Church of England to the last, & came to the Chappell & to our Prayers, as many of the R. Catholicks did till towards 20 that time, when the Pope sent out his Bull &c. His successor, Dr. Legge, was popishly affected in a high Degree, & probably for that reason was brought in by him, & during that Reign there was a Popish Leaven in that College amongst the Fellows and Scholars.

Nov. 4 (Tu.). About a month since dyed Sr Richard Blackmore, Kt., M.D., formerly of Edm. Hall, Oxon., where he had been a great Tutor. He hath wrote & published many things, partly in verse & partly in prose. He fain would have been reckoned a good Poët, but that Character would not be allowed him by the best Judges.

Yesterday I delivered to the President of Trin. Coll., Dr. Dobson, 30 a Paper in 4^{to}, of my own handwriting (being writ on 3 pages) containing extracts from this & the preceding vol. of what I knew about Wintney nunnery in Hampshire. This I did for M^r. Winder, Vicar of that place. The President promised to send it him to-day by Dr. John Burton, Master of Winchester School, ^{wh} Burton took the Degree of Dr. of Div. yesterday.

Nov. 4, 1729. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 152). Sends Mr. Casley's answers to H.'s question in his letter of Oct. 17.

Nov. 4, 1729. Ja. Gibson to H. (Rawl. 6. 77). 'I have been sick this long time, or else you had in all likelihood seen me before now. At Portmeadow races I sent over to my Brother some more Gr[ammatical] Ob[servations], which I thought were worth observing. I desired him to get me two copies of 'em, & to get the Fellows of the College to examin, but neither being done, I desired he would send 'em to M^r. Clements to get some Gentleman to peruse 'em, & give him his opinion of 'em. The dead time of year is come on now, & I desire M^r. Clements that he will keep my papers for me. I perceive a great alteration in the world, few people caring to meddle with anything that brings trouble with it. If I could have got any copies, I would have sent 'em to the Masters of Winchester to have perused. They have been both beyond all expectation kind to me, having each of 'em sent me a guinea. Of our 4 great Schools now Winchester is the only regular one.

Nov. 5 (Wed.). B^p Ridley (the Glory of the Reformation) was never married. M^r. Baker's Letter. Oct. 26, 1729.

M^r. Baker at the same time, according to his promise, sent me a copy of K. Charles II's Letter, taken from the Original under his own hand, with permission or leave to make what use of it I please, tho' he thinks it is of no use, only a Curiosity.

To the Lord Marques of Ormond.

My Lord,

Though the Dispatches you will receive together with this, may sufficiently inform you of my present Condition, & of all that concerns me, yet I cannot forbear to tell you myself, that I am using all the means & making all the hast I can possibly to you, that I may help you in that great good work, you have with such discretion & so good success, thus farr advanced. I am so confident of your beliefe in this, that I must desire your concurrence to help others to think it too, especially such as you finde most concerned in it. When I come, I shall better acknowledge your great services, though for the present I say no more, but that I am,

My Lord,

Your most Affectionate Friend,
Charles R.

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There are three that will come along with this Letter, Coll. Thornell, Coll. Hammond, and Major Ascutt; Praye have a care of them, for they are very honest men.

There is no Date (says M^r. Baker) w^{ch} makes it of less use. Either there were two Coll. Hammonds, or he that was the late King's Jayler in the Isle of Wight was become honest.

Nov. 6 (Thur.). On Tuesday last died M^r. Segoe or Segar, a noted Turner of Oxford, aged 67. He was born at Highworth in Wilts., where he hath a Daughter living. [He was buried at St. Marie's, Oxon., where he lived, on Thursday night, Nov. 6.]

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I suppose D^r. Godolphin & other great persons have bro't the new Grammar in at Eaton, which new Grammar, when I compare with the old, I cannot think it worthy to be named the same day with it. I heartily pray God will keep our Grammar from suffering too much alteration.

Nov. 6, 1729. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 149). Sends two guineas. Refers to the death of M^r. Le Neve and M^r. Whiteside.

Nov. 6, 1729. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 122. 127). 'I take the opportunity of returning you my thanks for your answer to my Quære relating to Walter Gisburn, by w^{ch} I find that the MS. of Gisburn's Chron. of Edw. III in the Cotton Library is only a late Transcript, probably from the old MS. in Magd. Coll. Lib. in this Univ., of w^{ch} I have a Transcript communicated to me by Dr. Tanner, who once designed to print it with *Vita Ricardi II*, that I printed lately, and some other Things. I have got the D^r's Transcript collated with the original in the said Magd. Coll. Lib., w^{ch} concludes with only the Title of the Chapter *De bello inter reges Angliae & Franciae apud Cressy commissio*, so that I believe the Author died before he could add the chapter itself. I suppose the Transcriber of the Cotton MS. took it to be superfluous & therefore left the Title quite out, w^{ch} he should not have done. You have all else, I think, in the Cotton MS., w^{ch} begins just as that in Magd. Coll. Library does, but then the Cotton Copier was very ignorant & therefore 'tis not equal in authority with that in the Coll. Library. D^r. Gale published

Nov. 7 (Fri.). Math. Parker's Ed. of Asser Menevensis is without date. Quaere the year. His Ed. of Thomas Walsingham was printed *Londini in aedibus Johannis Daili 1574*, the same year in web Day printed the 4^{to} Ed. of John Caius. Asser is commonly, if not always, bound with Walsingham.

Anno 1693 was printed a very small octavo at London, intit. *An Introduction to a Breviary of the History of England, with the Reign of King William I entitled the Conqueror. Written by Sir Walter Raleigh Kt. & dedicated to the then Earl of Salisbury*. I have seen a MS. of
 10 it, not an original but a Copy, lent me by Dr. Tanner, with web were other things, but I do not look upon this Thing as Sir Walter Raleigh's.

Nov. 8 (Sat.). Mr. Stow was a man much superior both in skill and probity to Ric. Grafton the printer, who tho' he used published Books, yet he was not curious enough to consult and collect from old MSS.

Mr. George Ballard, the ingenious Taylor of Campden in Gloucestershire, hath met with Stowe's Summary, printed anno 1565, web is a very scarce book, and he believes the first he ever published. The title page is gone, but the Preface & Epistle Dedicatory (to the E. of Leicester) are
 20 intire, with a Catalogue of 35 of our story writers, which he made use of in the work. Mr. Ballard's Letter, Nov. 2, 1729.

This day, being the Visitation of the Bodl. Library, the speech was spoke by Mr. Jones, commonly, from his sour look, called Vinegar Jones, student of X^t Church.

Nov. 9 (Sun.). The 'Country Journal or the Craftsman' for Sat., Nov. 1, 1729, says:—

We hear from Winchester, Oct. 26, that Mr. Paul, alias Matthew, Atkinson, a Franciscan Fryer, condemned to perpetual Imprisonment in the year 1700 for performing the Function of a Roman Catholick Priest, and confined in
 30 Hurst Castle, died there [i.e. Winchester] on the 15th instant, in the 74th year of his age and 30th of his confinement, and was buried there at St. James's; a gentleman for his exemplary Edification esteemed and visited by Persons of all Ranks and Conditions.

The said Father Atkinson was certainly a very worthy and extraordinary good man. I often heard him mentioned as one of the best of men. He

Gisburn's Hist. of England from W^m Conq. to the Death of Hen. III, and intended to have added the rest (for his MS. came as low as an. 1300) by the same Author afterwards in another Vol., but this he never did. Perhaps it will be therefore proper to get what there is of Gisburn from the Death of Hen. III to the reign of Ed. & not to publish the Hist. of Edw. III by itself. [Friends drop apace. I have lost four lately, viz. Dr. Stratford, Peter le Neve, Esq., Mr. Graves of Mickleton, and Mr. Whiteside. I have but an indifferent . . .]¹

Nov. 8, 1729. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 264). Acknowledges subscriptions.

[Endorsed by Hearne **Nov. 13, 1729.**] T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 23). Extracts about William de Marchia [see Diary, Nov. 22, 24, 25, and 26].

¹ The words in brackets have been crossed out.—Ed.

might have made his escape several times, but declined to do it, for fear his Escape might bring a persecution upon the Roman Catholicks, who are already great Sufferers.

Nov. 10 (Mon.). On Saturday, Nov. 1 last, was published at London, and ready to be delivered to the Subscribers both the large and small paper of

The HISTORY of ENGLAND, during the Reigns of the Royal House of STUART, wherein the Errors of the late Histories are discovered and corrected; with proper Reflections and several Original Letters from King Charles II, King James II, Oliver Cromwell, &c. As also the Lord Savile's famous forged Letter of Invitation which brought the Scots into England in the year 1640 and gave Occasion to the Beginning of the Civil Wars. This Letter being never before published, led the Earl of Clarendon, B^p Burnet, M^r. Echard, D^r. Welwood, and other Writers into egregious Mistakes upon this Head. To all which is prefixed some account of the Liberties taken with Clarendon's History before it came to the Press, such Liberties as make it doubtful what part is Clarendon's and what is not. The whole collected from the most authentick Memoirs, manuscript and printed. By the Author of the Critical History of England. Printed for J. Pemberton in Fleet Street. 10

NB. The Author of the said book is one Oldmixon, a most vile Fellow, 20 of no Credit.

Yesterday died M^r. Jones of St. Aldate's, Oxford, cooper, aged about 67, whose Daughter was lately married to one of X^t Church.

Nov. 11 (Tu.). M^r. Randal Catherall was a great Antiquary, and took much Pains in collecting materials from Leiger Books and other monuments of that kind, in order to compile some work about the Religious Houses; w^{ch} I doubt not would have been exquisite; but he never lived to finish what he had begun, and what became of his valuable collections I know not. Perhaps M^r. Catherall of Oriel College may give some Information. B^p Sanderson had seen and used them and looked 30 upon them as excellent, for w^{ch} reason he transcribed many things from them, w^{ch} is the more to be regarded because the B^p besides his being a profound Divine, was likewise a great English Antiquary & spent much time (particularly in his retirement before the Restauration) in perusing old Registers.

Nov. 12 (Wed.). Peter Alexander, Esq., one of the Clerks of his Majesty's Signet Office in Scotland, is dead. *Fog's Journal for Sat., Nov. 8, 1729.*

NB. I went to School with this Gentleman at Bray in Berks. He would have been Earl of Sterling had he survived the present Earl. This 40 Peter was the youngest of four brothers that I knew, was very good natured, and died a single man, having never been married.

Nov. 13 (Thur.). Hugh Latymer is said by some to have very much assisted Archb^p Cranmer in compiling the Homilies, w^{ch} I veryly believe to be true, considering the Learning & Simplicity of the man, who however in this work used nothing ludicrous, as he thought proper sometimes to do in his Sermons, as the occasion required, the better to expose vice & to please his Auditors.

The Mannour of Islip was given to the Church of Westminster by K. Edw. Confessor, who was born at Islip. The said Mannour was formerly the best wooded of any Mannour that belonged to Westminster. There were formerly above two hundred customary Tenants that belonged to that Mannour.

St. Martin's Le Grand, destroyed in Ed. VI time. It was a noble College founded a little before the Reign of W^m Conqueror. It is sad to consider in what a most sacrilegious manner the Chappell was abused after the College was dissolved, part of it being turned into a Tavern.

10 Mr. George Ballard, besides that above mentioned [*see* Nov. 8], hath likewise another of Stow's Summarys, printed anno 1598, in which he always calls Britain Brutain, and the Britans [*sic*] Britains.

He hath also, in his search after old books, met with Grafton's Abridgment, in which is the Epistle in answer to Stow.

Nov. 14 (Fri.). I am apt to think Mr. Wood had given a large account of John Bradshaw, to be inserted in Vol. III of *Athenae Oxon.*, tho' it be left out in the late spurious Ed. of that work, in w^{ch} the 3rd Vol. is blended with the other two & strangely mangled and curtailed.

Mr. Ballard's Stowe above-mentioned is probably a copy of the same
20 book to w^{ch} the Fragments I have printed in Heming belonged, those Fragments containing 35 Writers.

Nov. 15 (Sat.). Mr. Ballard, in his Letter of the 2nd inst., gives me this account of a stone Coffin, lately found in their parish Church of Campden. About five years past, upon the taking downe a piece of wainscote on the north side the Chancel, was discovered a hollow in the wall, wherein was a stone coffin of a very antique form and large size, being almost seven foot long. Upon the Cover (which was extraordinary thick) was carved a Cross, and other adorning very well done; and in the inside (w^{ch} nobody was admitted to see 'till the workmen had rifled it and,
30 as is supposed, conveyed of¹ money or something valuable therein, by the mould's being strangely handled) was a spur of very ancient fashion, the rowells being of a surprising length, very like those in Grimston's Hist. of the Netherlands; also the sole of a shoe of a very odd form, every thing else being mouldered to dust. At which Mr. Ballard says he very much admired, when he considered they had no church at the time of the Norman Conquest, (a most learned Gentleman so informing him from the Domesday Book), bones usually preserving a greater length of time than he can suppose this Coffin to have been.

Nov. 16 (Sun.). For my part, I take the Stone Coffin mentioned to
40 have been of the age of Ed. III. 'Tis probable, at least 'tis my opinion, that the Bones or Carcass were wrapped up in a Leathern or else a silk

Nov. 16, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 38). 'I thank you for your Catalogue and the two pieces of William Bromfeld's. . . There are things of great remark in Bromfeld's Book of his Faith, provided they may be credited. For my part, I must needs own that I cannot rely upon anything that he

¹ i. e. off.—Ed.

bag, and then put into the stone coffin, w^{ch} I believe had been opened before. Both the Spur and Shoe agree to the Age I have fixed.

Sr Bernard Hale, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, a friend of the late Mr. Whiteside's, is dead. So is Mr. Edmund Tooke, clerk of the Salters' Company, who married Mr. Loveday of Magd. College's mother's sister.

Nov. 17 (Mon.). About six weeks since died the Rev. Mr. Sebastian Marsh, M.A., and Rector of Bix Brand near Henly in Oxfordshire. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Hart Hall on May 6, 1671, & in the same year became Vicar of Amersden, near Bicester in Oxfordshire, 10 w^{ch} he held 'till the year 1682, when he became Rector of the said Bix Brand. His Father, whom I knew very well, was a Taylor in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, where he was possessed of Houses, w^{ch} after his Death came to his said son, w^{ch} son was a noted man for his rattling way of living, as his wife was also, who was no better than a whore, & their Children were bred accordingly, one of w^{ch} drowned herself in a fish-pond in the parish of White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks., & being opened when found, she proved very big with child, so that she was thought to have been within a few hours of her time, altho' she had lived in that parish as a very sanctified pious Woman, & constantly received the 20 monthly Sacrament. Who the Father of the child was, hath not yet been discovered, tho' one John Hellyer was shrewdly suspected. The Parsonage of Bix Brand, which is a very good one, is now in the Presentation of the Earl of Macclesfield (L^d Parker), who hath given it to one Mr. Thomas Hunt, his chaplain, who took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Hart Hall, Oct. 26, 1721.

Nov. 18 (Tu.). Thomas Latymer & others were concerned in compiling Edward VI's Liturgy, yet Cranmer was the chief person, in so much that the late Mr. Edward Stephens, whom some called Father Stephens, and others Abbot Stephens, used to stile it the Cranmerian Liturgy. This 30 Mr. Edward Stephens was a good Common Lawyer & was great with Judge Hale, whose Meditations he published. Afterwards he went into Orders, but was for the Greek rather than the Western Church. He had some particular & singular opinions, but was a good, pious, sincere, and religious man, and died (as I take it) a Nonjuror. Notwithstanding his calling it the Cranmerian Liturgy, he made use of the 1st Liturgy of K. Edw. VI with some few additions and patches of his own, as may be seen in the printed Ed. he set out of it, of w^{ch}, as well as of Mr. Stephens's other things, there were only a few copies printed. Dr. Grabe used to communicate with him. He died I think in April, 1706 (vide Smith's MSS. *penes me*, num. 9., 40

says. . . . About the Author of the Appendix to B^p Ward's Life, I can only tell you that Dr. Hugh Wynne (the Nonjuror) and myself used always to say that the Author was Dr. Thomas Wood, tho' he used to deny it. If I can think of it, when I see Dr. Tanner, I will ask him.'

Nov. 18, 1729. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Diaries, 122. 139). Returns the MS. by Godfrey's waggon, carriage paid. It consists of 4 parts: (1) an abridgement of Saxon history; (2) Marianus Scotus; (3) Roger Hoveden;

Lett. 43), at w^{ch} time, as I have been well informed, he professed himself to die a member of the Greek Church. He was buried at Enfield by the care of his son-in-law (Dr. Udall), a Reverend Dr. in Divinity, who lived there, and taught a great number of the Sons of Noblemen and Gentlemen, and had a mighty and, I believe, a deserved reputation for his faculty that way. Quære whether this Dr. Udall were not a Cambridge man.

Nov. 19 (Wed.). The 6th of August was formerly observed & perhaps it may by some be still observed at Exeter, as a day of thanksgiving and
 10 rejoicing upon account of the City's being delivered that day from the Rebels, who had laid siege to it (a great Army of them) for forty days together, w^{ch} commotion arose under pretence of breaking down Inclosures, the L^d Protector favouring the populace in that Pretence, tho' the true reason was for Religion, abundance being displeased with the new Liturgy & being for restoring the old offices or Latin Missal again. The same Commotions were likewise in Norfolk, headed by Ket the Tanner, carried on also on pretence of destroying Inclosures (these Inclosures being
 20 strangely multiplyed since the Dissolution of the Religious Houses, at w^{ch} the Vulgar were grieved) tho' the other motive about Religion was the true Reason, provided these Norfolk Rebels were at all guided by any thing of Religion & not rather by a turbulent Spirit, that carried & spurred them on to Mischief without any consideration.

Nov. 20 (Thur.). On Monday last, Mr. W^m Dodwell of Trin. Coll. called upon me with another young Gentleman, and staying with me a very little while (his business being something relating to Mr. Vancittart of Shottesbrooke) told me that the next Congregation he designed to stand for his Degree of Bach. of Arts, to w^{ch} I said nothing (he hurrying away), he being, I suppose, fully resolved to act contrary to the Nonjuring Principles.

30 On Monday last, died of a consumption, and was buried this day at 3 Clock in the afternoon, in the Churchyard of St. Peter's in the East, Mr. Complin the Apothecary, a young man, that was married to a sister of Mr. Walter Powell the Beadle's, on Nov. 23, 1726, by whom he hath had two children, one of w^{ch} is living.

Nov. 21 (Fri.). The 27th of August was continually observed, & if I am not mistaken 'tis still kept, at Norwich as a day of Thanksgiving

(4) a continuation by Walter Coventre. There is an abundance of faults in the MS., whence it may be gathered that Bp. Stillingfleet did not compare it with the original.

Nov. 19, 1729. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 156). 'Inclosed is what you desired of the Benefactors to the monastery of Wintney in your Letter of the 4th Instant, which you had not been so long delayed, but Dr. Bentley, who is at the Cotton, and his Under-Librarian, Mr. Casley, have been so much taken up in the Lawsuit against him as Master of Trinity College that it was difficult finding any one there. . . . This Town is very sickly. Our weekly bills of Mortality were never so high since the Plague, and they encrease every week.'

Nov. 21, 1729. H. to Mr. George Ballard (Ballard MS. 41. 1) [see Diary Nov. 16].

for their being delivered from the Rebellion of Ket the Tanner and his Company, under pretence of destroying Inclosures, but really on account of Religion, provided they had any religion, as tis much feared they had none.

Norwich is not a place of good strength either by Art or Nature.

About 3 weeks or a month since, died the Rev. Mr. Thomas Mason, Rector of Litherhall or Lurdgarshall & Edgcot in Bucks. This Gentleman took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Lincoln College on April 27, 1675. He was a man addicted to all sorts of Game, was very stout and bold, and when young a great Wrestler and Backsword Player. He was a Petty-fogger & very litigious, so that he was looked upon as a very ill man, & had no reputation among persons of Honesty. He was a very mean scholar and died poor, tho' he might have been rich had he been a good husband. His wife hath been dead many years, by whom he had children; I knew two brothers of his, Mr. Edmund & Mr. John Mason, who (when I was a schoolboy) lived, the former at Heywood in the parish of White Waltham, the latter at Low-brooks in the Parish of Bray near Maidenhead in Berks., and were substantial, honest and sober men, & died both of them rich.

Nov. 22 (Sat.). W^m de Marchia was made B^p of Bath and Wells A. D. 1292, being also Treasurer of England till 1295, when he was put out from being Treasurer, as Godwin says, for perswading the King in 1294 to commit Sacrilege, by taking the Treasures out of churches & Religious Houses, for w^{ch} Godwin cites Mathew Westm^r; but I believe the true reason was because he had diswaded the King from such methods, the King being forward enough of himself to do such Things without any Prompter, and W^m de Marchia being a great Friend to the Church and a very good man, insomuch that after his Death very great stirrs were made that he might be canonized, tho' Godwin & Wharton say it does not plainly appear, whether or no it was brought to effect, & yet I think it was, notwithstanding any other monuments to prove it have not yet come to hand, besides those I have printed with Trokelowe's Annals, that I shall publish shortly.

Nov. 23 (Sun.). Yesterday in the afternoon I was with Dr. Tanner, who returned from Norwich to Oxford the day before.

The Dr. told me he could find no more of Mr. Wood's Life than I have already. He said this Life had some things in it that are light & asked whether I thought all ought to be printed. I replied: if any, all ought, and that I was not for curtailing, well knowing the Reflexions that would be made in that case. He said there was a Speech in it, that was very light. I allowed this, but then I said that as it related to an old custom now laid aside, it ought to be preserved. In short, I am to give a true, genuine Ed. of this life.

He said Knap Cock had had this Life, when they were about the 2^d Ed. of Ath. Oxon., in his hands for 3 or 4 days, but transcribed nothing & he believes he with-held no part of it, tho' he cannot be positive, the sheets being not paged or numbered. Tho' the Dr. hath consented I should print it (and indeed I fully resolve to do it, there being in it things of very great Remark), yet he still shews some diffidence, fearing perhaps some of the Puritans may be displeased.

The Dr. told me Dr. Thomas Girdler is made Rector of Reedham in Norfolk.

He told me Mr. John Kirk Patrick,¹ a Linnen draper of Norwich, was a notable Antiquary, and was the Author of the Map of Norfolk with Coins round it.

He said the said Patrick was excellently well versed in old Coins.

Nov. 24 (Mon.). They had Examiners at Cambridge for Bac. and Doctors of Divinity, but whether with regard to Wicliff, Mr. Baker cannot say. That University was noted for Orthodoxy, when we at Oxford were tainted with what they called Heresy. Dr. Cranmer was one of those Examiners, afterwards Archbishop. Mr. Baker remembers only one censure of a Wiclivist at Cambridge, whilst that sort of men were very numerous at Oxford. And it was this [reputed] Orthodoxy that partly determined Henry VI to be a Founder at Cambridge. His Foundation brought in the Queen's, before we^h they were very low.

Nov. 25 (Tu.). Mr. Russell (as I lately observed to Mr. Baker) was encouraged in the design of publishing Wickliff's Bible (as 'tis called) by the late B^p of Peterborough, Dr. White Kennett, who expresst a great Concern to Mr. Baker of Cambridge, when the design was dropt. And now the design being revived, Mr. Baker cannot find that Mr. R. is willing to give his assistance, tho' he has been applyed to.

Nov. 26 (Wed.). Mr. Baker at the same time told me (viz. in a Letter without date I received from him on the 13th of this month) that my friend Mr. Le Neve has left an imperfect Will (as Mr. Anstis tells him). His MSS. relating to Norfolk and Suffolk to be laid up in the Church of Norwich. The rest to be disposed of in such manner as he should direct by a note for that purpose, we^h note for some time could not be found, 'till of late, when found upon his Desk, probably the last thing he wrote, unfinished. What is clearly expressed is, that he gives 'em to the Heralds' Office to be kept under three locks and keys, the latter² to be kept by the two Provincial Kings, & the Senior Herald &c., with somewhat more, whimsicall, we^h for that reason Mr. Baker will not trouble me with. He seems to have dyed in some discontent, having been refused by the Lord Marshal an unreasonable Request, in the Disposal of an Herald's place. 'Somewhat', says Mr. Baker, 'I can say from myself. Not many weeks before his Death, I had a Letter from him, to desire my opinion whether he should leave some old Prints & MSS. to Trinity Coll., whereof he was a Member, or to our Public Library. I answered his Letter, tho' I did not expect he should follow my opinion, & only mention it to show he was at a loss how to dispose. He seems to have been determined at last to the Heralds' Office, by a Letter from Mr. Anstis.'

Nov. 25, 1729. Dr. Girdler to H. (Rawl. 6. 103). Subscribes for two copies of Trokelowe, and half a guinea for the next work.

¹ His real name was Kirkpatrick.—Ed.

² later MS.

Mr. Baker adds, 'Shall I tell you somewhat more diverting concerning him & his Landlords at New College. Mr. Norroy's seat was Great Wichingham in Norfolk. In the neighbourhood is another Mannor called Little Wichingham, held by lease from the College by Mr. Le Neve's neices. The College, in a late Perambulation, came into Mr. Norroy's Hall well pleased, & said they did not know they had so good an House, & Mr. Le Neve, overhearing the Discourse, bid them immediately depart from thence, with ill words, & go to a little Farm House w^{ch} belonged to the College. This I give you in the words of a good friend of your's and mine.'

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Nov. 27 (Thur.). Of *Historia Buriensis* Mr. Baker knows nothing; but he says Dr. Broome has lately discovered an old MS. belonging to that House [i. e. Bury] w^{ch} he took to be a History, but is really a Consuetudinary of that House, containing little of History but much of forms and customs.

On Tuesday last Mr. Bartholomew, a good sort of man, lately Gentleman Commoner of Univ. Coll., a man of staid age, was created M.A. by the Univ. of Oxford. This Gentleman hath given a good Collection of Physick Books to the Library of Univ. Coll.

Last Sunday in the afternoon, preached at St. Mary's before the 20 University, Mr. Hutchinson of Hart Hall, who put out Xenophon's Cyropaedia. He preached upon Agur's wish, Prov. xxx. 8. *Give me neither poverty nor riches &c.* It was very long, I am told, & sad, wretched, immethodical (*sic*) stuff, shewing him (as he certainly is) a most conceited compleat Coxcombe.

Nov. 28 (Fri.). Mr. Taylour of Univ. Coll. hath several times told me, particularly on Wednesday last, that he hath got of his own a Folio MS. of the Privileges of the Univ. of Oxford.

At the same time time he said he had another MS. of the Privileges of the Univ. of Oxford (much less than the former) the Author whereof was 30 Dr. Zouch.

He said he had a MS. of the Statutes of the Cathedral Church of Durham.

Dr. Tanner th'other day told me of some body that had accidentally met with and retrieved, just as 'twas going to be destroyed, a MS. of several sheets, all written by Dr. John Caius's own hand, containing the whole of his expenses in building & founding Caius College.

Nov. 29 (Sat.). Learning is at so low an ebb at present, that hardly anything of that kind is sought after, except it be English, Scotch, and Irish History, w^{ch} probably may make Dr. Grey's Catalogue sell well after 40 Xtmass, w^{ch} I hear is well fraught with books of that kind. It is said to be very low in Italy, and yet they have even now a much greater Regard both to Religion and Learning than we have in England.

John Radcliffe of St. John's Coll., Oxon., took the Degree of M.A., Apr. 23, 1714, and that of B. and D.M., June 30, 1721. He died last

Nov. 27, 1729. N. Booth to H. (Rawl. 28. 25). Writes that he has a transcript of *Gervasii Tilburiensis de necessariis observantiis Scaccarii*.

August, and was buried in the churchyard of St. Gyles, Cripplegate, where on a Grave Stone is the following Epitaph to his Father and him, sent me by Dr. Rawlinson, in a Letter of the 26th inst., who calls Dr. Radcliffe his Friend.

[Epitaph omitted.]

In Mr. Salmon's last part of his Survey (Dr. Rawlinson says) is a very proper invective against the burying in Churches, which his friend Dr. Radcliffe was much averse to.

Nov. 30 (Sun.). I formerly mentioned the age of Dr. Matthew Hole.
 10 But last night Mr. Tottenham of Lincoln College told me, that he was half a year younger than the late B^p of Bath & Wells, Dr. Hooper, and that he enters the 90th year of his age next 10th of June. Quære; for I doubt it.

Last Wednesday died suddenly Mr. Benjamin Cole, of All Hallows parish, Oxford, and was buried the next day in All Hallows churchyard. This person was originally a Bookbinder, but he performed but indifferently. Afterwards he turned Ingraver and practised Heraldry & Surveying. He was a man of parts, but conceited. He might have proved eminent, had not he been giddy-headed, so as altogether to follow no one
 20 single profession. He published a map of Port Meadow, another of 20 miles round Cambridge. Some time ago he published Proposals for printing a folio Book of Heraldry, w^{ch} he hath shewed me in MS. several times, being a Collection of Arms made by himself, to w^{ch} would have been prefixed A discourse about Heraldry, and other Things would have been added. But I believe he met with little Encouragement, by reason 'twas not thought he had learning enough to write anything well on the Subject, notwithstanding his Collections might be good. He died in the 63rd or grand Climacterial year of his age. He was of Nonjuring Principles, particularly he was against the Abjuration Oath.

30 **Dec. 1 (Mon.).** Having presented Mr. Ward of Barford, near Warwick, with a copy, in small Paper, of Dodwell *De Parma*, in return he tells me in a Letter of Oct. 25 last, that he hath so great a desire for a compleat set of all my works (he being not acquainted with my Books, till Robert of Gloucester came out) that he accepts it on these Terms only, viz. in exchange for *Bernardus Andreas's Hymni Christiani*, a most rare book, printed in *Academia Parrhisiana in Chalcographia Ascensiana ad Nonas Jul. M.D.XVII*, 8^{vo}, w^{ch} he had before only lent me; and shall be glad to do the same by the best of his books or MSS. for any other Duplicates of mine.

40 **Dec. 2 (Tu.).** At the same time Mr. Ward told me that bold Beauchamp's (he means Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick's) tomb being lately opened, when the Chappel was new paved with blue and white Marble, some Friends had a Curiosity to see the Remains of this once great man, where they only met with a few of the larger bones in

Dec. 2, 1729. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 157) [see Diary, Dec. 4].

Dec. 2, 1729. Ric. Furney to H. (Rawl. 5. 159). Sends half a guinea to H. by the hand of Mr. Greenaway of Hart Hall.

a shattered wooden Coffin, the bottom of w^{ch} was 2 inches thick; and underneath his Scull lay all the Hair, just as it slipt off, with part of the shrowd, being white-flowered satten. On the wall, writ with Chalk, '1681, John Fish clark, John Dunkley mason'; perhaps the time when this new Vault was made, being of freestone, neatly jointed, and but little wider than the coffin. Mr. Ward inclosed in his Letter a lock of the Hair, as it was given him.¹

Dec. 3 (Wed.). On Saturday night last came news to the Vice-Chancellour, Dr. Butler, of the death of Mr. Joseph Bowles, Chief Keeper of the Bodleian Library and Fellow of Oriel College, who died, as ¹⁰ Powell the Beadle told me, at Shaftsbury in Dorsetshire, the place of his nativity, and was buried there on Tuesday, Nov. 25 last, so that I suppose he died either the Saturday or Sunday foregoing. Of this Gentleman (a most vile, wicked Wretch) frequent mention hath been made in these Memoirs. He took the Degree of M.A., Oct. 12, 1719. 'Tis incredible what damage he did to the Bodl. Library, by putting it into disorder & confusion, w^{ch} before, by the great pains I had taken in it, & by my taking down every book & examining it & thereby making the Catalogue compleat & reducing the Additions (after I had first written them in an interleaved Catalogue) into two Volumes folio, (all written with my own ²⁰ hand, w^{ch} I intitled *Appendix ad Catalogum impressorum librorum in Bibliotheca Bodleiana*, w^{ch} was designed to have been printed) was the best-regulated Library in the World. Yesterday, at two Clock in the afternoon, was a Convocation, for electing a Librarian. Candidates were Mr. Wise, B. Div. & Fellow of Trin. Coll. & Custos Archivorum of the University, who hath usurped my Place of second Librarian these ten years, Mr. Bilstone, chaplain of All Souls, Janitor of the Library, who hath got the new keys made in opposition to the old ones I have by me (for I never resigned, tho' they debarred me for not taking the Oaths), & Mr. Rob. Fysher, B.M. & Fellow of Oriel College. Bilstone desisted, so the ³⁰ struggle was between Wise and Fysher, and Fysher carried it by a Majority of fifteen Votes, to the great mortification of Wise, Bilstone, the Vice-Chancellour, & many others, who had taken strange methods to get Wise (an half-strained, conceited man) in; but their Tricks would not do, to the great content of such as hate such undermining, wicked doings. Wise seemed to be very sure of success & expressed a concern that his antagonist was his Janitor, & vaunted much of his own service in order to lessen Mr. Fysher's interest; but (maugre all these Methods) he was, as he deserved, baffled. Mr. Fysher had 100, Mr. Wise 85 votes. The Whiggs were all, as it were, to a Man against Fysher, inso much that ⁴⁰ Merton, Wadham, Exeter, & Jesus were in a combination for Wise. As far as I can understand, it was a party cause, & they rather contended on that score than for merit. There were 24 votes in Magd. Coll., whereof ten voted for Fysher. But tho' this was a push between Whig and Tory, yet Fysher is by much the worthier man, as far as I can learn. All the

Dec. 3, 1729. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 112). Sends subscriptions for Trokelowe. Has never heard of him, and wishes to know who he was.

¹ This lock of hair is now Rawl. Lett. 11. 70. The hair is dark brown and fine.—Ed.

Canons of X^t Ch. were against Fysher. Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brasenose, was very zealous for Fysher.

Dec. 4 (Thur.). As to Mr. Le Neve's will, Mr. West tells me in a Letter from the Inner Temple, Dec. 2, 1729, that 'tis not yet registered or proved, so that his disposition of his MSS. and Charters is yet a secret; Mr. West is however informed by Mr. Anstis that he hath given his Collections relating to Norfolk & Suffolk to the church of Norwich, and those relating to Heraldry to the Office at Arms, with this particular direction, not to be opened till Mr. Anstis and one Green (a Herald, who
10 opposed him pretty much in the Office) are both dead. His whole collection, it seems, consists of thousands of little scraps of Paper, on which he used to write, which was occasioned by his parcimony, a specimen of which scraps I have by me, being sent me since his Death by Mr. West, being what Mr. Le Neve wrote out of Parson Wilkinson's Collection for me, relating to Shottesbrooke, Laurence Waltham & White Waltham.

Mr. Anderson's Plates of the Charters, Seals, & Coins relating to Scotland, consisting of 134 in folio, are to be sold to-day by Auction at London.

They have a Tradition among some at Magd. Coll. Oxon. that the
20 Founder, W^m of Waynflete, had a design once of annexing his Benefaction to New College, & to be reckoned a Co-Founder of that College.

They have a Tradition among some there & so I have often heard it in the City of Oxford reported, that the Founder of Magd. Coll came once after his Building was erected, & things settled, in disguise, & that they denied him even so much as a single Commons.

Dec. 5 (Fri.). On Wednesday Morning last Mr. George Shephard, Bach. of Div. and Fellow of Trin. Coll., was chosen Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum, in room of Mr. Whiteside deceased. This Gentleman (whom I do not as yet know so much as by sight) was Senior
30 Proctor of the University in the year 1719. The Electors to this post are, the Vice-Chancellor for the time being, the Dean of X^t Church, the Principal of Brazenose Coll., and the Regius Professor of Physick. Several at first appeared for this Place, among which was Mr. James Fynes, M.A. and Fellow of Magd. Coll.; but the Vice-Chancellour himself was against Fynes (tho' of his own College and superior in merit to Shephard) alledging that Trinity College having served their College in electing Dr. Jenner Margâret Professor, he could not but serve them again, a strange reason for a Vice-Chancellour's not regarding merit. Mr. Henry Edmunds of Oriel Coll. likewise appeared, but the Dean of X^t Church having also
40 declared for Shephard, it was found at last (one of the Proctors being of Trin. Coll.) that it could not be carried against Shephard (as it might, had the Vice-Chancellour been guided by Principles of Honesty and not of Party); he was accordingly elected. For my own part I was always & still am of opinion that a Layman & not a man in Orders, much less

Dec. 4, 1729. Anstis to H. (Rawl. I. IIII). Asks if there is a passage in the Statutes of New College where the Founder permits better terms to his own kinsmen than to others in the matter of the amotion of Fellows upon reception of preferment. Asks if Dr. Tanner is at Oxford.

a Priest & Batchelor of Div., ought to have this Place, we^h depends so much upon shewing Knick Knack or Gim-Cracks; and tho' Mr. Whiteside was himself so usefull there, in carrying on experimental Philosophy, we^h he did for himself, and not as Custos Musei, and might therefore have done it elsewhere as well, if he had provided himself of a room, yet I was ever of opinion, that for that very reason, because he was a Priest & had a cure in the Country, it had been better if a proper Lay person had been fixt upon, as had been done before, he being the first Clergyman that had it, & perhaps now it may be made a constant practise.

Dec. 6 (Sat.). Martin Bucer, who was much consulted at the ¹⁰ beginning of the Reformation in Ed. VI's time, was a moderate man & far superior to Calvin or any of the other Puritans, with respect to the retaining many laudable things, that they were very zealous for abolishing. He died at Cambridge & is there buried. He was much respected by both Universities, who honoured him with Verses at his Death.

'Item statuimus, ordinamus, & volumus quod nullus habens terras, tenementa, possessiones vel annuos redditus spirituales aut temporales, quorum redditus aut proventus 5 marcarum sterlingorum valorem annum excedunt in dictum collegium nostrum eligatur, vel etiam admittatur, nostris consanguineis supradictis exceptis, quos in dictum nostrum ²⁰ collegium Oxoniae recipi volumus & admitti in veros socios (ut prefertur) etiamsi habeant possessiones spirituales, aut temporales, quorum redditus & proventus viginti marcarum sterlingorum supportatis oneribus valorem annum non excedant.' Rubr. 2, Statutorum Novi Collegii [see Letter Dec. 4].¹

VOL. CXXIII.

[THE first part of this volume contains transcripts made by Hearne in 1728 and 1729.]

Some Extracts from Mr. Murray's MS. of the Wardrobe of Prince Edward, afterwards K. Edw. II.

On the 15th of August, 1728, Mr. John Murray, of London, sent ³⁰ by Mr. Godfrey's waggon a paper MS. in folio, being lent me by him to peruse. Mr. Anstis had looked it over and made use of it, and at the beginning hath given it this Title: The account of the Wardrobe, or of the Household of Edward Prince of Wales, in the xxxvth or last year of his Father, K. Edward I.

It is a Transcript. I know not where the original is, perhaps in the Exchequer. It contains the Expenses for Prince Edward's household in the xxxvth year of Ed. I. 'Tis the same book that Mr. Murray formerly by mistake mentioned to me as Ed. IV's Wardrobe, as may appear from what I have said more than once in these Memoirs. ⁴⁰

I do not know what is become of the other parts. This part itself hath

¹ At the end of this volume are the following notes: 'M^r. Gibson, a Roman Catholic at Paradise Hall, born Feb. 12, 1684. William Hearne married about the latter end of Sept., or beginning of Oct., 1729; his wife safely delivered of two brave boys July 28, 1730.'

no other Title than this: *Prestita facta per Garder' domini principis anno xxxv.* I have read this book all over, and that carefully, thinking at first that it might have been fit to be published. But having considered all things deliberately, I at last concluded otherwise, and therefore I only think fit to transcribe from it the following particulars, w^{ch} are the only ones that I see at present will be of use to me.

[Then follow nine pages of Extracts.]

From a MS. of Sr W^m Dugdale's in Museo Ashmol' :—

[Then follows the account of the life of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, taken from a Cotton MS.; it was printed by Hearne at the end of *Vita Ricardi II.*]

On Saturday, May 3, 1729, I received from the Earl of Oxford a fair vellum MS. of John Fordun's *Scotichronicon*, in a pot-folio. It is the very same book I have accounted for in pag. 1387 of my Ed. of Fordun, & I suppose might be procured by my L^d Oxford from Mr. Anderson, either while he (Mr. Anderson) was living or from Mr. Anderson's son, or some one else, since Mr. Anderson's Death. It contains only the five first books of Fordun, and the rest is Patrick Russell's continuation, w^{ch} continuation (as I take it with Mr. Ruddiman) is nothing but an abridgment
20 of Bower. This continuation contains 10 books, and ends a^o 1436. I am glad I have seen it, because it confirms me sufficiently in my opinion that Mr. Gale's MS. (from w^{ch} I printed my edition) is the very best copy of the genuine Fordun that we have in the world; as I am also of opinion that there is no better copy of the genuine Life of Sir Thomas More by Roper than Mr. Burton's, from w^{ch} I printed my Edition of that Life, tho' some Wiccevists or Calvinists are displeased with it, as they are with other things of this nature.

At the same time I received from my Lord (being also lent by him to me) Caxton's Ed. in English of Tully de Senectute, Tully de Amicitia,
30 and of a Declamation about honour.

At the beginning is wanting I. 1. (the leaf being the very first) having been cut out (as appeareth now by the vestigia of it). This was the Title-page or what was equivalent to it. Mr. Anstis (as he told me) takes the Translation of the piece De Senectute to be W^m Wyrcester's, tho' Leland, Bale, and Pits make it to be Tipetot's, Earl of Worcester's. Nor does W^m Wyrcester's name appear anywhere in the Book.

[Then follow the beginnings and the endings of the three works.]

It is most certain, according to Caxton, that the Earl of Worcester, John Tiptoft or Tiptost, translated the two last of the pieces—Tully
40 de Amicitia and the anonymous Declamation in this Volume, but then Caxton does not tell us who translated the first, viz. Tully de Senectute, tho' he observes that 'twas done immediately from the French of Laurence de primo facto, Duke of Burbon, and not from the original Latin, and that he procured it with much labour and cost. I always thought that W^m Wyrcester's Translation was done immediately from the Latin, and that it had his name affixed to it with an Inscription to his Patron, Sir John Fastolf. 'Twas customary with W^m Wyrcester to add his name to his works. It seems probable that Caxton had not met with the genuine Translation of Wyrcester, but with another, either of Tiptoft's or some-

body's else, and that this Translator, whoever he was, made use of Wyrcester's, and for that reason would put no name to it, least he should claim to himself what was not really his own.

From a Paper MS. in folio lent me by Dr. Thomas Tanner. Itinerarium at Windsor.

[It is now part of Tanner MS. 84.]

The following copy of a will I transcribed from a copy of the same I received from Thomas Ward, of Barton near Warwick, Esq., Sept. 22, 1729, who tells me I am obliged to Mr. Newesham, their Deputy Recorder of Warwick, for it.

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[Then follows the will of John Hill de Rowington, dated Sep. 23, 1502; apparently he had been bailiff of Warwick.]

Testament of Anthony Widvill, from an old copy in Paper lent me by Mr. Corsellis of Lincoln Coll., Oct. 11, 1729.

[The will of Anthony Widvill made in the Castle of Sherishoton, June 24, 1450.]

On Oct. 20, 1729, Mr. Corsellis of Lincoln College lent me six sheets of paper in folio containing as follows:—

[A charter dated at Mortlake, 11 Kal. Dec., 1295, by which Robert, archbishop of Canterbury, giving an inspeximus of a charter of archbishop Boniface (1245-1270), permitted R., archdeacon of Stafford, dean of Bocking, to found a chapelry in Bocking.

A Licence in mortmain from Edw. III to William Doreward of Bocking, to give lands and rents in Stisted & Bocking to a chantry in Bocking church. Mar. 4, 28 Ed. III.¹

A charter of endowment by William Doreward; Mar. 5, 38 (*sic*) Ed. III. An extent of the lands.]

The following Perambulation of several Forrests I transcribed from a little old Velum MS., lent me by Thomas Ward, of Barton near Warwick, Esq., Sept. 22, 1729, who borrowed it for my use of Mr. Newesham, their Deputy Recorder. A modern hand hath written at the beginning, *Perambulation of severall of the King's forests inter alia of New Forest.*

[An inspeximus, July 5, 10 Hen. VI, of Perambulations of Forests in Hampshire, made in 28 Ed. I: viz. Alsyesholt and Wolmer (p. 103), Bere (p. 107), Bagshot (p. 108), Fynkleye (p. 109), Chuyt (p. 110), Dicherley (p. 111), Bokeholte (p. 112), Porcestre (p. 113), New Forest (p. 115), Evereslye (p. 119), Panberd (p. 120), Frumentell (p. 121).]

Dec. 7 (Sun.). My L^d Oxford is made L^d High Steward of the Corporation of Cambridge.

My L^d Oxford calling very lately upon Mr. Baker at Cambridge told him, the said Mr. Baker, that he has none of Sr Sim. D'Ewes's Medals, nor any notes or observations 'em.

My L^d Oxford has purchast Jo. Bale's book with MSS. notes, w^{ch} he hath sent to Mr. Baker, and Mr. Baker hath compared it again with his

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¹ Hearne writes '8 Ed.'

own notes, and found some small omissions. All those notes I print in Trokelowe's Annals of Edw. II.

My Lord's purchasing the said book confirms me in my opinion that 'twas resolved all along I should not have it under ten Guineas, the price Wilmot all along resolutely fixt upon it, a method used on purpose that I should not have it, it being not worth near that money on any account, the book wanting the 5 last Centuries, & the notes being but few & of but small consequence.

Quaere whether my L^d Oxford hath not purchased Sir W^m Glyn's
10 MSS.

Dec. 8 (Mon.). Cardanus came over into England anno 1552 to present his Book to Edw. VI, to whom he had dedicated it. The King had much conversation with him, & Cardanus highly commended his abilities both in Philosophy and other parts of Learning, & said he could talk Latin as well as himself. Whatever the young King's parts might be, I think he was strangely flattered, and that he had a sad pack of villains about him, men that, under pretence of doing service for the Church, engrossed a vast deal of ecclesiastical Revenues to themselves, & were never content till they had ruined honest men.

20 Clement Marot, a Frenchman, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to Francis the first, King of France, having translated David's Psalms into French Meter, tho' but badly done, it gave example to others to do the like, and thereupon A. D. 1552 Thomas Sternhold, one of the Grooms of the Privy Chamber to Edw. VI, translated several of David's Psalms into English meter, w^{ch} work was so well approved of (as Marot's had been in France) as to be allowed, tho' not approved of or authorized to be sung in Churches, as was also the version of the rest (Sternhold having done but 51) by John Hopkins and others. Dr. Heylin, in his History of the Reformation, speaks of this version, under the year 1552, as sad barbarity
30 and botching, & much worse than Marot's, and styles it a Puritanical Performance; but notwithstanding this, tho' I will allow that they were all Puritans that did it, and that even the second Liturgy of Edw. VI was likewise the work of Puritans, yet this version hath certainly its beauties, as Dr. Beveridge (a great Judge of the Hebrew and things of this nature) well observed in a sermon, and is agreeable to the Vulgar Latin version of St. Hierome, & much preferable to what hath been done since by Tate and Brady, whose botched work is called by the Name of Sternhold's, Hopkins's, &c., tho' were those men now living, they would never own it, but be much concerned that their names should be put to it, an observa-
40 tion I made lately in my Glossary to Robert of Gloucester, where I also shewed the alteration for the worse, that hath been made in it, with respect to some words purely Saxon, w^{ch} have been changed for such as do not reach the signification of the original, as the English-Saxon ones did, and yet as bad as this work of Tate's & Brady's is, 'tis printed & bound up with the Bible as Sternhold's, Hopkins's, &c., and allowed as the authentick work of those more ancient Translators.

Dec. 9 (Tu.). Mr. John Burton, Fellow of Corpus X^{ti} Coll., hath just published in 4^{to}, two Sermons in Latin, preached before the Univ. of Oxford and printed at the Theater. They are the same that I sometime

agoë thought had been his Father-in-law, Mr. Bear's. These sermons are dedicated by Mr. Burton to Dr. Godolphin, Provost of Eaton College. Mr. Burton hath prefixed a Preface to each. They are about Discipline in the University, & the last refers to some things done when Mr. Burton was Pro-Proctor of the Univ. and Master of the Schools, when he behaved himself in most respects indiscreetly enough. 'Tis a hard matter to tell what he drives at or what 'tis he would have. He is always zealous, & yet cannot tell what scheme to fix upon, being an uneasy, conceited man, and discontented.

Mr. Taylor of University College told me last night, that their Master, 10 Mr. Cockman, hath drawn up a body of Statutes for that College, and that he had had the use of Balliol College statutes. Mr. Taylor said they were the old statutes of Balliol College, w^{ch} I thought had been destroyed. Quære?

Dec. 10 (Wed.). On Monday last Madam Hunt, natural daughter of the late Duke of Buckingham, and relict of Dr. Hunt, late Master of Balliol College, by whom she had one child (a fine boy who is living), was married at Stoken Church to one Mr. Cole, an Apothecary of Oxford, a man of good skill and business, but a clumsy, slovenly Man, to the great amazement of all People, she being a beautifull Woman and of extra- 20 ordinary fine shapes & very genteel. She hath lived in Oxford ever since Dr. Hunt's death, & being very desirous of a husband, there did not want much courting. This Mr. Cole was a Widdower, his first wife being the Daughter of one Clark, a man that belonged to the Excise Office, a very pritty (*sic*) woman, by whom he had two children that are living. This Cole is at least 40 years old, as I hear, but Mrs. Hunt is under 30.

Mr. Baker, in his Letter from Cambridge of the last of Nov. last, tells me that in L^d Oxford's Library is *Chronicon Monarcharum Anglie MS. pertinen' ad coenobium Sancti Edmundi regis et martyris*, &c., possibly, he says, the same I once enquired after. I cannot say it is, unless it comes 30 pretty low and was done (as the *Historia Buriensis* I enquired after was) by a monk of Bury at the command of Ric. II. One should think it reached down to the age of Ric. II. Quære?

The said MS. in L^d Oxford's Library begins thus: 'Haec sunt nomina Regum, qui totam monarchiam tenuerunt post passionem sancti Edmundi regis et martyris, qui passus est anno ab Incarnatione domini DCCC LXX.'

Dec. 11 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Dec. 8, 1729:—

They write from Warwick that in September last the Tomb of the famous champion, Bold Beauchamp, in St. Mary's Church there, falling in, his Corpse was discovered very entire; and what is more remarkable, his Hair was very 40 fresh and strong. He has been buried 293 years.

See in the preceding Volume. Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, died the last of April, 1439, so that the last of April last he had been dead 290 years.

Dec. 12 (Fri.). Yesterday I called upon Dr. Tanner at X^t Ch. and talked with him particularly about Ant. à Wood's Life, wrote by himself,

Dec. 12, 1729. Ric. Furney at Chelsea to H. (Rawl. 5. 160). Sends

the original of w^{ch} the Dr. hath. It ends (as I formerly observed) anno 1672. I asked the Dr. what was become of the second part of Anthony's Diary, telling him that the Diary and Life were distinct Things, as I found by the first part of the Diary under Mr. Wood's own hand, in the hands of my L^d Oxford, to whom 'twas given by Mr. Anstis. The Dr. said he never heard of any Diary of Anthony's (besides the Life he had), wondered how Mr. Anstis should come by it, & could not think that Anthony had done any thing that way besides little notes in Almanacks. I told him the first part was a 4^{to} book, & I did not at all doubt but the second part
 10 (as I have been formerly told) was brought to near the time of his Death. The Dr. pretended great Ignorance, w^{ch} I could not but very much note, because I have been well informed that he advised Mr. Anstis to burn the first part, & I have been told more than once, that the Dr. had the second part, & hath burnt it.

Dec. 13 (Sat.). The Lady Jane Grey, who was but a few months older than Ed. VI, was so beautifull, so good-natured, & of so winning a Carriage, that she attracted the Love of all, & nothing was wanting to render her an unexceptionable Queen but a just Title. Her Father-in-law, Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, was a most ambitious man, & by aim-
 20 ing at placing her on the Throne by that means plainly contrived her Ruin, her own Father, Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, a soft, easy man, being without much difficulty drawn & persuaded to consent to the Duke of Northumberland's contrivances, for w^{ch} tho' Duke Henry was at present pardoned, yet afterwards for being in another rebellion in Q. Mary's reign he was beheaded. This Lady Jane was adorned with incomparable parts, & is said to have [had] such a genius and forwardness to Learning, as to understand Greek & Latin as well as her own mother Tongue. Instead of those Exercises other young ladies used to follow, she followed her book. They say she read Greek with great pleasure
 30 without any Translation. When once at her Father's Park there was a great Hunting, with other sports, whilst others were diverting themselves at it, she was in her Room all the time, reading of Plato's Phaedon in the original Greek. Other stories of like nature are told of her, w^{ch} tho' partly true, yet a great deal must be supposed to be owing to Flattery. I have two of her Letters among my collections written in Latin, but those I transcribed from a printed book. Quære what MSS. letters there are of hers, without any regard to Mr. Strype or any other late Collector.

Dec. 14 (Sun.). S^r James Hales (as Heylin observed), one of the
 40 Justices of the Common Pleas in K. Ed. VI's time, was the only person of the Council that most resolutely refused to subscribe the Instrument for disinheriting the Lady Mary & settling the Crown upon the Lady Jane Grey, w^{ch} as it was a most laudable Act, so he was, when Q. Mary came to the Crown, most deservedly rewarded for it. Dugdale makes this S^r James Hales not only one of the Justices of the Common Pleas but one of the Justices of the King's Bench; and this I think is true. Quære

information about the Cistercian Nunnery of Hartley Wintney. In 1497 there were only five nuns there.

about him, & whether the present Family of the Hales's be not descended from him. Also, whether he was not a Cambridge man and a writer.

Yesterday Dr. Tanner called upon me, & told me that he never saw so much as one sheet of the second Edition of the *Athenae Oxon.* till after the Book was printed, at w^{ch} I could not but admire, when I have been assured from several, & particularly more than once from his servant or secretary Jackson, that the sheets constantly came from the Press to the Dr., from whence may be gathered, how willing the Dr. is to excuse himself about having a hand in the managing of that spurious Edition, in w^{ch} such strange work was made by omissions and Alterations, & yet he never ¹⁰ will be able to get it over, the Ed. being most certainly to be ascribed to him, and 'twas he that communicated the Copy.

Dec. 15 (Mon.). Last Friday I wrote to my L^d Oxford, desiring to know whether he had any Historical Piece of Walter Hemynghford alias Walter Gisbourne, particularly whether he had any MS. of him relating to the reigns of Ed. I, II, & III.

Last night I had a letter from Mr. Richard Furney, Archdeacon of Surrey, dated at Chelsea Dec. 12, 1729, in w^{ch} he gives me the list of some of the Prioresses of Wynteney Nunnery in Hampshire, w^{ch} he observes to have been of the Cistercian order, from an Election ²⁰ of a Prioress on Feb. 22, 1497, & to be dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen & St. John Baptist. But the particulars of his Letter I shall insert at the end of the Annals of John Trokelowe now almost finished at the Press.

Dec. 16 (Tu.). Sr William Cordell in the time of Q. Eliz. was an eminent man and a great Patron of Learning, & he was in particular a great Encourager of Saxton in his work of the maps of England, I think this Saxton was a great Surveyer and Drawer, but (as I take it at present) he could not engrave himself.

The said Sr William was of Long Melford in Suffolk. Dr. Tanner on the 11th inst, gave me some hopes that he could give me some account ³⁰ of him.

Bursar's Coppice and Lowsy Bush Coppice by Brill in Bucks. both belong to Lincoln College.

It appeared, when the Women were laying Mr. Whiteside out, that he had a Mortification in his Scrotum, w^{ch} without doubt was the immediate cause of his death and occasioned the Jaundice. He kept it secret, only did tell somebody, viz. Mr. Gore, a young student of X^t Church, that in his last Journey into Hartfordshire he had a fall from his horse, & feared that something was broke within him, because he said (& others observed it too) that his urine was all blood.

Yesterday Mr. Oliver Battely told me that they are going to reprint his late Uncle Dr. John Battely's *Antiquitates Rutupinae*, & that his Antiquities of Bury, tho' left unfinished, will be annexed to it, and that Knaplock ⁴⁰

Dec. 16, 1729. James Gibson to H. (Rawl. 6. 76). Wishes that some Gent. would peruse the *Grammatical Observations* which he has sent to Mr. Clements at Oxford, and give advice about printing them. 'I am in a low condition, but I thank God make a shift to supply my church once a day.'

Dec. 16, 1729. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 158) [see Diary, Dec. 18

the Bookseller is to do it. I told him his Uncle Charles Battely told me at Islip, w^{ch} was the last time I saw him, that he had 200 copies of the first Ed. of *Antiq. Rutup.* left, a particular Mr. Oliver Battely said he knew nothing of before.

The *Historia Regia*, according to Thomas Key in his *Vindiciae Acad. Oxon.*, p. 527, mentions *magnus et cruentus ille conflictus qui Anno Domini 1350 inter scholasticos et oppidanos Oxonie fuerat, &c.*

Dec. 17 (Wed.). Last night Mr. Taylour of Univ. Coll. shewed me his MS. copy, a fair paper 4^o Book, of the Statutes of the Cathedral
10 Church of Durham, made anno 1^o & 2^o Philippi & Marie. I just run it over, but remember no particular in it relating to *Episcopus Puerorum*.

Mr. Taylour told me that Browne Willis (who came to Oxford last Friday & went out of Town yesterday, but I did not see him) told him that his Estate brought him in last year nine hundred thirty five pounds, whereas it used to be looked upon as worth per an. fifteen hundred libs.

Mr. Willis came to Town, partly upon account of begging (for he goes on, as he always will do, to beg) for the Chappell of Fenny-Stratford, it being not as yet endowed, & money (as he says) being still due for building it.

20 Mr. Willis's new 4^{to} Book is (I hear) sadly scouted, I mean that now almost printed, in w^{ch} he hath Things relating to Oxford. Dr. Tanner shakes his head at it.

Sr Thomas Sebright hath a large Painting, very finely done, hanging over the Chimney Piece in his Library, that cost him 300 Guineas, but 'tis obscene & improper for the Place.

Sr Thomas hath a fine Paper Copy of the Folio Edition (I hear) of L^d Clarendon's History with Draughts, finely done, of all the great
30 Persons mentioned in the History. I know not who drew them, but I am told they were taken from the Originals. Sr Thomas gave sixty Guineas, I hear, for this copy, & the Duke of Chandois ('tis said), when he afterwards saw it, declared he would have given ten more Guineas for it.

Dec. 18 (Thur.). The only part of Mr. Le Neve's Collection that is likely to be well preserved, are his collections [relating] to Norfolk and Suffolk. I am told he died a profest Deist.

Mr. Anderson's Plates were sold for 530 libs.; but 'tis a secret who bought them, so that whether they will be published or not is as yet uncertain.

Mr. West had an offer made him of Sr W. Glynn's MSS. but with an exorbitant Price fixed on them, so that he refused them, & does not know
40 to whose hands they came.

and Dec. 24]. 'I know nothing of Mr. Fisher. I wish your Univ. Elections do not grow worse and worse.'

Dec. 17, 1729. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 71). Sends a MS. for inspection. [See Diary, May 1, 1730.]

Dec. 18, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 54) [see Diary, Dec. 28, 29, 30].

Dec. 18, 1729. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 25). Thanks for the epitaph of Dr. Radcliffe. Explains why he was absent from Mr. Whiteside's funeral. Mentions that Mr. Fysher is elected Chief Keeper of the Bodl. Library. 'I am glad to hear that your books go at great rates.'

The like exorbitant Price was insisted on for them, when I asked Mr. Wilmot about them more than once, who told me, they would not be sold under a thousand libs. and yet afterwards he told me they might be had at 500 libs.

Dec. 19 (Fri.). Notwithstanding Mr. Weeksey was restored by the Chancellour of England, Sr Peter King, to his Fellowship of Oriel College, after he had been ejected by the Provost and Fellows, yet on Wensday¹ last, Dec. 16, the Provost and Fellows ejected him again, because he hath *uberius beneficium*, viz. a Sine Cure, w^{ch} is of more value than is consistent with their Statutes. 10

Dec. 20 (Sat.). Some time last week died at the Bathe Mr. Robert Bourde, M.A. of Xt Church, a very ingenious young Gent. newly gone into orders, & one of the best Mimicks that have been known. He was very good-natured, and his Conversation coveted by all sorts of People, so that he took to excessive drinking, w^{ch} proved his death.

Dec. 21 (Sun.). *John Proctor's Historie of Wyate's Rebellion*, printed 1554, sold at London the 16th inst. in Rawlinson's Auction for £1 1. 6. It is a little 8^{vo} book. I have it, and I used to value it at the most at 3s., tho' it is certainly very scarce.

Anthologia Graeca at the same time sold for £4 11. 6, viz. H. Steph. 20 Epigram. Graece selecta ad verbum interp. H. S. 1570, 8^o.

Dec. 22 (Mon.). On Sunday, Dec. 7, this month anno 1729, died at Reading in Berks., where he hath lived with his Wife many years, Mr. Benjamin Shirley, bookseller, who lived formerly in Oxford, and was a great Auctioneer there, and much noted on that account, tho' nothing near so eminent that way as Mr. Edmund Millington, a London bookseller, whom he imitated, & who was certainly the most eminent Auctioneer that ever was or ever will be in England. He, the said Shirley, died in an advanced age, being near fourscore.

About three weeks since dyed the Rev. Mr. John Cudworth, Bach. of 30 Div., formerly of Trin. Coll., Oxford, afterwards Rector of one or two Places, & Schoolmaster of Warwick; but I hear he hath lived privately for some years in a sort of retired condition & never frequented the publick Churches, or at least very rarely, tho' he had taken the Oaths, being it seems satisfied that the Oaths were unjust, & that Prayers for Usurpers ought not to be used.

Yesterday, after dinner, called upon me, with the same young Gent. mentioned above under Nov. 20, Mr. W^m Dodwell of Trin. Coll., who is now Bach. of Arts, his business with me being somewhat relating to Mr. Vansittart. I entered into no manner of discourse with him about 40 Principles, tho' I cannot but be much concerned that so great a man as his Father was should leave two sons that act quite contrary to the Principles of the true Non-Jurors.

¹ Hearne altered *Tuesday* to *Wensday*, but forgot to alter Dec. 16 to Dec. 17.

Dec. 23 (Tu.). Last night Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. shewed me, and I just run it over, a little 4^{to} Paper MS., being an Oration at the Interment of Elizabeth the Countess Dowager of Robert, Earl of Essex. Mr. Wood (in *Athenae Oxon.*, vol. ii, col. 881, Ed. spur.) mentions this Thing, but says he had not as yet seen it. He speaks of it under Sr Thomas Higgons, Kt., who was the Author of it, and spoke it at her death, tho' (he being then Mr. Higgons) he spoke it himself, notwithstanding he was her husband. This Elizabeth was the second Lady of the Earl of Essex, and was the daughter of Sr Will. Pawlet of Edington in Wilts., one of the
 10 natural sons of W^m, the third Marquess of Winchester of that Family. He died anno 1655, as I remember this Oration tells us, and was buried at Winchester. She was a beautifull Woman & seemed pious, but my L^d Essex did not much like her some time after he was married to her, but was very jealous of her. She had a son during that marriage, but it died. My L^d, it seems, owned this son at last, tho' at first he did not believe it to be his own. The Circumstances upon his consideration of its Birth made him to believe it was of his own begetting. After the child's death, he grew more averse from his wife than ever. For
 20 whilst it lived there seemed to be a pretty good agreement; and then she lived quite separate & was at Oxford, where she lived in a College & notwithstanding what is said of her in this Speech, might perhaps be wanton.

Dec. 24 (Wed.). Mr. West hath lately met with *The Just & Necessary Apologie of Henry Airay, the late Rev. Provost of Queen's College in Oxford, touching his suil in Law for the Rectorie of Charlton*, Lond. 8^{vo}, printed MDCXXI. 'Tis wrote by himself and is a Rarity. At the end of it is an attestation of J. W. Quaere who.

Mr. Le Neve's books & MSS., except his Collections relating to Suffolk and Norfolk above mentioned, are designed to be sold by Auction. So Mr. West hath been informed by one of his Executors, Mr. Martin of
 30 Disse, who hath been sometime collecting the Antiquities of Thetford.

To inquire what the name of the Antiquary of Cambridge was, that writ to the Orator of that University and was the first occasion of the Dispute that ensued about the Antiquity of both Universities.

To inquire also, what the name of the Orator was that enlarged upon what the Antiquary told him, and so put Mr. Thomas Key of Oxford upon writing his Assertio.

Dec. 23, 1729. John Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 112). Hopes to go to the Heralds' Office before the Session of Parliament; he will then give an account of the manuscript inquired after.

Dec. 23, 1729. William Thomas at Marybone to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 238). Would have sent the subscription money sooner, but that he had been at Wimpole for two months. Had lately made the acquaintance of Mr. Baker, in whom he found 'much Learning to be joyned with an uncommon degree of Modesty and Politeness'.

VOL. CXXIV.

[THE first part of this volume, pp. 1-86, contains transcripts, 21 in number, made by Hearne in 1727 from a volume of Sir William Twysden.]

From a 4^{to} MS. intitled *Remembrances*,¹ collected (& written for the most part with his own hand) by the eminent S^r Roger Twysden, Bart., & lent to my friend D^r. John Thorpe of Rochester by his Grandson, the present S^r William Twysden of East Peckham in Kent, Bart., with leave to make what use he pleased of any thing in it, excepting what immediately concerned his own family, as epitaphs, &c. It was lent to me by D^r. Thorpe, Ap. 18, 1727.

[1. An account of the taxes in the Netherlands in or about 1585, and 10 of the sum of money that they produce.

2. *ibid.* p. 74. A terrier of the lands of the Improprate Parsonage and Vicarage of East Peckham, Kent, made June 9, 1634.

3. *ibid.* p. 171. The accusation of Elizabeth Bywell against Thomas Newland, Prior of St. Alban's, in 1480 'copied out of a book of reports [which] had been my uncle Heneage Finch's, is now my brother Thom's, fol. 321'.

4. *ibid.* p. 237. A speech in Parliament by S^r Simonds D'Ewes, July 27, 1644; and part of another speech made Aug. 5, 1643.

5. *ibid.* p. 245. A letter from S^r Simonds D'Ewes to S^r Martin 20 Stuteville, Feb. 4, 1625⁵, describing the coronation of Charles I.

6. *ibid.* p. 249. The pedigree of the Earl of Arran.

7. *ibid.* p. 253. A letter from 'Frier Paule' at Venice to the Abbot of St. Medard, July 22, 1608, giving advice on the study of Divinity.

8. *ibid.* p. 260. Annals of the life of S^r George Caryl 1555-1629.

9. *ibid.* p. 267. An Inventory of the Plate and other things taken from the Chappell and Shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury; also from Warham's Chappell, Arundel's Chappell, and Buckingham's Chappel.

10. *ibid.* p. 292. A tale narrated to S^r Roger Twysden that Ric. III 30 slept at the Blue Boar in Leicester the night before the battle of Bosworth, and that subsequently many gold coins were found hidden in the bedstead.

11. *ibid.* p. 297. A letter from Isaac Worrall of St. John's College [Cambridge], Aug. 9, 1652, giving an account of the books of Bishop Williams which had recently been sold.

12. *ibid.* p. 299. The story of the Pedler of Swafham Market, which was given to S^r Roger Twysden by Mr. W^m Dugdale, Jan. 29, 1652³.

13. *ibid.* p. 307. A Latin letter from Nicholas Heinsius to Francis Junius, Sept. 20, 1658, and given by Junius to Twysden at East Peckham, 40 Nov. 4, 1658.

14. *ibid.* p. 308. An account of the Revenue and Expense of the Crown in 1687.

15. *ibid.* p. 321. A Terrier of the Parsonage of Mereworth made July 22, 1634.

¹ This volume is not among the Twysden volumes at the British Museum Add. MSS. 34147-34178.—Ed.

16. *ibid.* p. 323. Certain doubts wherein the Freeholders of the County of Duram desire to bee resolved by his Majesty's Justice of Assize, i. e. whether the possessions of the clergy should pay the same rates as the laity; date 1628.
17. *ibid.* p. 326. A composition for the Vicar of Wrotham, Jan. 7, 1402, copied from the register of Archbishop Arundel, fol. 357.
18. *ibid.* p. 353. An account of the divorce of the King and Queen of Portugal, 1667.
19. *ibid.* p. 361. A composition between the Parson and Vicar 10 of Croydon, June 12, 1348.
20. *ibid.* p. 365. A note drawn by John Starkey, vicar of Hadlow, Mar. 13, 1626, describing what were the customary payments for tithe in the parish.
21. *ibid.* p. 371. A letter sent by the Earl of Northumberland to Sr Francis Vere, April 14, 1602; and an account of the preliminaries to a duel between them.]

Dec. 25 (Thur.). Mr. Samuel Parker hath wrote and printed a Letter in Num. 57 (Sat., Oct. 25) for 1729 of Fog's Weekly Journal, in defence of his father, B^p Parker, who had been charged with the Character 20 of being a time-server. But this Letter of Mr. Parker's is not much approved of even by Mr. Parker's own Friends.

Dr. Berryman is Rector of St. Andrew's Undershaft and Fellow of Eaton College. He was a studious man when of Oriel Coll., but is a great Whig, and by being a party man aims at Preferment.

In Mr. Baker of Cambridge is a great deal of Learning, joyned with an uncommon degree of modesty and politeness.

Nath. Wanley, M.A., and Vicar of Trinity parish in the City of Coventry, was Author of the *Wonders of the little World or general History of Man*, London, printed 1678, fol., and some other things, one of w^{ch} 30 (as I remember) is an English Translation of Lipsius de Constantia. I think he was a Cambridge man but am not sure. I have heard he was a great Puritan, if not a Presbyterian. Mr. Wood, I am apt to think, had some account of him, however, dropt by Dr. Tanner in the late spurious Ed. out of respect to Humph. Wanley, son of this Nathaniel & a great acquaintance of Tanner's.

Dec. 26 (Fri.). To the Rev. Mr. Henry Frinsham, vicar of White-Waltham, near Maidenhead, in Berks.

Rev^d Sir,

A Gentleman told me yesterday, that he had heard accidentally, that 40 a Parcel of MSS. w^{ch} had belonged to a Friend of mine, together with his Picture, was either given, or about to be given, to the Bodleian Library (from w^{ch} I have been debarred many years) and that a MS. of mine is among them. I desired to know who this Friend was, upon w^{ch} he told me his name was one Cherry, a person he had never heard of before. I was much surprized at this, and soon resolved to write to you about it.

Dec. 25, 1729. W. Lewis to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 31). Asks that Mr. Vansittart may be put down as a subscriber for anything Hearne publishes.

As no one hath a greater regard for the posthumous fame and reputation of my best Friend Mr. Cherry, so I shall be very sorry, if any thing should be done contrary to what he intended; particularly, I shall be much concerned, if any MS. of mine should be so disposed of, as any way to be to my disadvantage. If you can, pray be so kind & just to me, as to let me know the truth of this Affair, & what that MS. is of mine. In doing w^{ch} you will oblige,

Sir, your most humble servant,
Tho: Hearne.

Edmund Hall,
Oxford, Dec. 26,
1729.

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Dec. 27 (Sat.). The Gentleman that told me what is said in the Letter above inserted was Mr. Owen of All Souls College. Memorand. that there was no good picture of Mr. Cherry.

Mr. Cherry gave me what MSS. he designed to dispose of before he died, & I wrote down a note of them & left it with Mr. Cherry, but I kept no copy of the note, never went over for the MSS. (but desired Mr. Cherry to send them, w^{ch} however he did not, being hindered) & so I never had them, Mr. Cherry dying pretty suddenly.

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Among those MSS. I remember was Sr John Fortescue's Declaration, many Greek Transcripts from MSS. in the Bodleian Libr., but these Transcripts were taken (chiefly by myself) from Mr. Dodwell's Transcripts, a MS. of Brute of England, a 4^{to} MS. containing copies of Letters between Mr. Dodwell & others about the schism, with some other MSS., the subject of w^{ch} I quite forget, only one I well remember was a 4^{to} MS. in French, adorned with Pictures, being an account of the deposition of Ric. II., transcribed by Mr. Cherry himself from an old MS. (w^{ch} I saw, when I was a boy, several times) that Dr. Hickes had communicated to Mr. Cherry. This is the same MS. I have mentioned 30 in my Preface to *Vita Ricardi II.*

The *Chronicon Monarcharum Anglie*, &c. in the Harley Library reacheth no further than King John, containing chiefly a short account of our Kings, & Benefactors to Bury Abbey, & indeed is rather a Register than a Chronicle. And so is the Consuetudinary of that House, w^{ch} might be of good use to any one that publisheth a Monasticon, but of little use to an Historian. Dr. Tanner has seen it, can give the best account of it, &, no doubt, will make good use of it. *Mr. Baker's Letter to me, Dec. 18, 1729.*

I remember also that one of Mr. Cherry's MSS. I was to have, was an 40 Account of the annual pensions granted anno 1555 to certain persons that had belonged to Abbies, being the same MS. mentioned by me in pag. 190 of vol. ix of Leland's Collectanea, w^{ch} MS. I myself copied for Mr. Cherry from the Transcript Dr. White Kennet had taken from a MS. in the hands of Peter Le Neve, Esq.

Dec. 27, 1729. Samuel Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 110). Has asked Mr. Rowney to pay H. seven guineas, which will be repaid him when Parliament meets. The debt is six and a half guineas, the remaining half guinea being in compensation for the delay of payment.

One Glover, B.A., of New College, is made Chaplain of X^t Ch. in room of Mr. Whiteside deceased. This Glover is also curate for Mr. Meadowcourt of St. Peter's in the East.

Dec. 28 (Sun.). Mr. Baker hath not seen Dr. Caius's Papers about the Foundation of Caius College, that Dr. Tanner told me of. What is material, he presumes, is contained in his Annals, where there is a pretty full account of his Buildings, ^{weh} show him to have been a Humorist; he has given Titles to every Gate: that leading into the College is *Porta Humilitatis*, that leading to the Schools is *Porta Honoris*, ^{weh} being
 10 obscured by their late new Building at Cambridge has occasioned a suit at Law betwixt the University and the College, who are much concerned for the Honor of their Gate, tho' excepting point of Honor there is no other Inconvenience, & so Mr. Baker thinks the Jury have found the *Ad quod damnum, Nihil*. The Middle & most beautifull Gate is *Porta Virtutis*.

Dec. 29 (Mon.). Of Bucer, Fagius & P. Martyr's Wife, their Death, Burial, Exhumation, Combustion, Restitution, &c., may be seen a large account in a book publisht by C. Hubert (sent to him by B^p Grindal) under the Title: *Historia vera de vita, obitu, sepultura, accusatione*
 20 *Haereseos, condemnatione, exhumatione, combustione, honorificaque restitutione D.M. Bucerii et P. Fagii; item historia Catherinae Virgiliae P. Martyris cast: conjugis exhumatae, restitutae &c. cum orationibus, epitaphiis, carminibus, &c. 1562, 8vo.* This is a very scarce book, ^{weh} I have not, and therefore Mr. Baker promises¹ to present me with it. As for the said Catherine, St. Frideswyde's sacred Relicks were disturbed upon her account, to the great regret of all holy devout persons, who abominate such sacrilege.

Of the old Translation of the Psalms in Metre, Mr. Baker hath the same opinion with me. They have stood their ground against the greatest
 30 men, first Archbishop Parker's Translation, printed by John Day, 4^{to} (now very scarce) ^{weh} Mr. Baker hath seen; & next King James's Translation, beautifully printed, with the privilege of his son; & Mr. Baker hopes (as I do), will do the like against our late Innovators.

Dec. 30 (Tu.). I am sorry to hear (says Mr. Baker in his Letter before-said of the 18th inst.) of Mr. Bowles's death, and as sorry that he that is best fitted to succeed him wants one Qualification, ^{weh} yet I cannot wish him.

The said words are spoke by Mr. Baker with reference to myself, who am unqualified upon account of my refusing the wicked Oaths.

Dec. 29, 1729. Rev. James Gibson to H. (Rawl. 6. 86). Would like his papers returned by Mr. Clements [*see* Letter, Dec. 16]. As a new Grammar is being compiled at Eton, it would not be proper to print the *Grammatical Observations*, but he would like to send them to the Masters at Eton, 'by our young Gentlemen now at their return to School. I have catched a great cold, and my church yesterday was forced to be without service.'

¹ Hearne adds in the margin:—'which he hath since done.'

Mr. Anstis, in his Letter of the 23rd, from Mortlake, tells me that he has not been at the Heralds' Office since the Receipt of my last to him, so that he could not give then an account of the MS. of Walter Hemyngforde's history there, but as soon as he goes thither, w^{ch} will be before the Session of Parliament, he will send me an Account. He says he wrote a Letter to one of their officers to acquaint him with the nature of their MS., but he had had no answer to it.

Dec. 31 (Wed.). On Monday last was to have been a Prize-fighting in Oxford between two Fellows, and they had cryed it about with beat of Drum for some time, the Mayor, Sir Oliver Greenaway, having given them 10 leave, but they having had no leave from the Vice-Chancellour, the same was stopt, the Vice-Chancellour taking one of them up a little before the time of fighting and laying in wait yesterday for the other, or any one else that was to abett and countenance such a proceeding, to the great Resentment of some Townsmen, who aim at destroying the Privileges of the University, one of w^{ch} is to prevent and obstruct all idle vagrant dissolute persons who carry arms to the disturbance of the publick peace and of the Discipline of the University.

Jan. 1 (Thur.). On Monday last, one Mr. John Holloway, a Taylor of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, took a walk by himself to a single 20 Alehouse, standing upon the Hill on the left Hand of Horsepath. He happened at the Ale House to fall into Company with two other Oxford men, that were on horseback. They parted between 5 and six in the evening in good order & nothing in Liquor, as they say; but Holloway being on foot & not much used to go out of Town (tho' he would otherwise walk by himself much about the Precincts of Oxford) he mistook his way & struck down upon Temple Cowley (the Time being very dark) & near eight Clock inquired his way there & was directed, but instead of coming directly for Oxford, rambled about till eleven or twelve a Clock, & at last appeared at Church Cowley, where he knocked one up, who set 30 him in his way again; but after he had parted, it seems he missed his way again, & on Tuesday morning was found at a little distance from Church Cowley, not far from the Place where he had left the man who directed him, & was buried last night in the Church of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, where his Father, &c. are buried. He was the youngest of 3 brothers,¹ all single men in that parish, two of w^{ch} are now living. He was aged 41. He had nine shillings & six pence & a silver Thimble in his Pocket, & a pair of silver Buckles in his shoes when he was found dead; therefore he was not murdered, but there being a Contusion in his Forehead & it being a sad, dirty, ugly way, 'tis concluded he had had some 40 great Fall against the wall by Cowley, w^{ch} with some other accidents attending might occasion his Death. He was a man of a good Character.

Jan. 1, 1733. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 200) [*see* Diary, Jan. 14]. Has lately had the pleasure of conversation with that most worthy Gentleman, Mr. Baker.

¹ Hearne adds in the margin: 'There is a fourth brother who keeps the George Inn by Thames Street in Oxford.' Thames Street is now George Street.—Ed.

Jan. 2 (Fri.). In Ed. VI's time sentences of Scripture were painted upon walls in Churches and Chappells, and there were other decorations of that kind, w^{ch} were stiled the Laymen's books, but in Q. Mary's time they were defaced.

Before the Reformation there were other decorations upon the walls of sacred places, such as the Images of Saints, Martyrs, & Confessors, with other Things very proper, & even sentences too, sometimes, of Scripture, tho' not in the vulgar Tongue.

Jan. 3 (Sat.). In September last died the celebrated Sr Richard 10 Steel, Kt., a man that some years ago made a great noise upon account of a Paper called *the Spectator*, w^{ch} came out a great while together, & have been since printed together in many Volumes; but the best of these *Spectators* were done by Mr. Addison.

Jan. 4 (Sun.). Dr. Tanner formerly made some Extracts out of Tho. Gascoigne's *Dictionarium Theologicum* in Linc. Coll. Library, two or three of w^{ch} I rec^d from him in a Letter from Norwich of Dec. 29 last, by w^{ch}, as well as from the Passage out of him I printed in the *Antiquities of Glastonbury*, & from what is in Wood's *Antiquities of Oxford*, I not only 20 see the manner of his writing, but likewise gather that a great many odd historical things may be collected from the work, very proper to be printed.

The great house¹ standing in the entrance (*sic*) into Grampole, over against the lower end of Ch. Church, Oxford, w^{ch} belonged formerly to Col. Crook, was built by one Mr. John Smith (shortly after Maior of the City), and cost him (as 'tis credibly reported) above £1,300, & it cost the Col. near £150 after he purchased it, in building of two stables, one that would hold 6 horses & the other 4. The Garden plot is not large, & the Hall but small; all the other roomes (w^{ch} are many) very good. It was 30 some yeares before 1679 a boarding School and called Virgin's Hall, because usually between 20 or [*sic*] 30 young Ladies were boarded in it. So in an original Letter written from Malmesbury, Nov. 19, 1679, to the Earl of Anglesey, Lord Privy Seal, at Anglesey House in Drury Lane, London, by Mr. Thomas Gilbert, the Independent, who was then buying it for his Lordship, and adds at the same time: 'The only inconvenience is that it neither has, nor can have, a Coach-House belonging to it; but standing in the Entrance into Grampole, over against the lower end of Christ Church, where are diverse of the Canons Coachhouses still standing empty, choice whereof may be had at easy Rates. The house is no College Lease, as the others you have formerly been about, but good 40 freehold; the lowest Rate I can yet bring the Col. downe to for it is £600, and I verily think it will not stick long on his hand at that price, when it shall be more commonly knowne that he is minded to part with it.'

Jan. 3, 1733. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 16. 123). Sends a specimen extract from Gascoigne's *Dictionarium Theologicum*.

Jan. 4, 1733. Rev. Henry Frinsham to H. (Rawl. 5. 123) [*see* Diary, Jan. 7].

¹ Now called Bishop King's palace; but incorrectly.—Ed.

The said letter belongs to Mr. Loveday, of Magd. Coll., who lent it me last night.

In the said letter Mr. Gilbert inclosed Copies of the Inscriptions he (Mr. Gilbert) was desired to draw for the monument & grave-stone of Mr. Maijor Dunch, buried at Pusy in Berks.

Mr. Gilbert's son-in-law, Mr. John Bennion, was then vicar of Malmesbury, worth very little above £40 per an. in clear Income, a Vicarage as small as the Corporation is great. He was the same with John Bennion, who took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Hart Hall, Oct. 24, 1674, and had taken the Degree of B.A. as a member of Edmund Hall, Feb. 17, 1671. Mr. Wood speaks of him in his Fasti.

The Inscription for the monument is printed (but faultily) in p. 173 of a book called Ashmole's Antiquities of Barkshire, but that for the Grave-stone is not there. I shall here insert both, from the Copy under Mr. Gilbert's own hand, lent me at the same time by Mr. Loveday.

[Two inscriptions for the monument of Maijor Dunch, Esq., M.P. for Abingdon, who died of fever Sept. 27, 1679, aged 29.]

Jan. 5 (Mon.). Mr. Loveday at the same time lent me the following Epitaph upon Dr. John Owen, made also by Mr. Gilbert & written with his own hand.

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[Epitaph of John Owen, Dean of Christ Church, who died Aug. 24, 1683, aged 67.]

This Epitaph, it seems, was altered when it came to be put upon his monument, as may be learned from col. 747 of the 2^d or spurious Ed. of Athenae, Oxon.

Jan. 6 (Tu.). From the St. James's Evening Post, Feb. 1, 1729, Numb. 2140:—

To the Reverend William Smith, Rector of Melsomby.

Reverend Sir,

In a Book lately published by you entituled *The Annals of University College*, page 333, I find this Passage: 'I will beg Leave to insert a true Story of a Canon and a Chapter Clerk of Christ-Church. The Person here intended by me purchased a College Lease from one of our Tenants, and some time after had Occasion to renew his Lease, and the Chapter Clerk being the Drawer of our Leases also, this Canon observing that by his Lease he was obliged to pay a yearly sum of forty shillings for and in the name of Part of his Fine (over and above the Rent) bid the Lease Drawer to leave it out; the same Person (out of Fear of giving Offence or in Compliance with that Canon's Desire) left it out, and the Fellows, contrary to their Duty and common Custom, sealed the Lease without comparing it with the old one, or to that effect.'

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I think myself obliged to inform you that what you assert for a true Story is wholly false and scandalous. For on the 24th of March, 1700, when you was Senior Fellow and Register of University College, in Virtue of which office you was to enter the Fines for renewal of Leases in the Fine Book of the College and to see the Leases Registered in the Legier Book, for doing whereof there is a Fee of 10s. for each Lease to the Register, in that year the Lease you mention was renewed to Mr. Robert Scruby and the Clause for 40s. per annum not inserted, but the Fine was entered in the Fine Book under

your own hand, with a Memorandum, that at the time of that Renewal especial Favour was then shewn to the Tenant, as appears by the Book.

And on the 19th of March, 1707 (M^r. Denyson being then Register), the same Lease was again renewed to M^r. Scruby and no such Clause inserted, as appears by the Book.

Afterwards M^r. Scruby, by his Will, devised this last mentioned Lease (*inter alia*) to M^r. Francis Heywood and myself, and made us his Executors in Trust, who after M^r. Scruby's Death sold the same Lease to a Canon of Christ Church, agreeing with him to pay the Fine and renew the Lease in the
10 Canon's name, which was renewed accordingly and no such clause inserted, on the 29th of April, 1715, M^r. Ward being then Register.

If then there was no such Clause in the Lease when the Canon purchased the same, it's impossible your Story can be true.

I therefore think it will become you to confess your Guilt, if you have been the Inventor of this Lye, and to ask Pardon of those you have injured thereby; or, if you have been only the Propagator, then to consult your own Advice given to Dr. Ayliffe in your Book, pag. 295.

And if you have any Regard to your own Reputation, to use some proper Methods to satisfy the World, that tho' you have been the Propagator of
20 a Lye, yet you was not the Inventor of it, by letting us know from whose unfaithful Hand you received it,

Sir, your injured Servant,

J. Brooks, Chapter Clerk of Christ Church, Oxon.

February 1,
1728.¹

Jan. 7 (Wed.). Yesterday I had a Letter from M^r. Henry Frinsham, Vicar of White Waltham, dated Jan. 4, 1729, in answer to mine of Dec. 26 last, in w^{ch} M^r. Frinsham writes thus: 'Sir, I received yours of the 26th last past, and would have given you an Answer to't before now,
30 had it not come at so busy a Season, tho' I am apprehensive what I now send you will be but little satisfactory to you. Some years ago I took a Catalogue of the MSS. you mention, but do not remember any Thing particularly of them, whether there was any one amongst them that belonged to you or any other Person, but those that had the Possession of them and in whose Custody they were. The best Account I can give you of them at present is that my mother [Cherry] gave them by Will to the B. Library, and that my sister [M^{rs}. Anne Cherry] hath sent them to Oxon. some Time ago, where I suppose they are now lodged in the Archives. M^r. Samuel Parker, whom I imagine you are acquainted with,
40 can give you a better Account what is become of them than I can, & no doubt will, if you apply yourself to him; for my sister consulted him about the sending of them thither, & he indeed, as I have been informed, first put it into my mother's head to send them thither; I was no more concerned in it than you were, and perhaps dislike the Disposal of them in that manner as much as you do. For had not that notion been infused into her, 'tis not very improbable they might have fallen into my Hands, but no more of that.'

Jan. 8 (Thur.). Upon a Brass Plate shewed me last Week by M^r. Broadstock, the Rolling Press man, who said he had it of the late M^r.

Jan. 7, 1729. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 49) [*see* Diary, Jan. 19, 20].

¹ This must be an error for 1729.—Ed.

Bowles, the Librarian, who had taken it from some Church, I know not whether from St. Marie's in Oxford.¹

Sis memor; absque mora properat mors, praeterit hora;
 Willelmus testis Scot est, victus nece pestis;
 Quem cardinalis Eboraci sanguis honorat;
 Cancia natalis cui patria, quem modo plorat.
 Hic fuit a cunis² vultus³ gravitate, modestus,
 Carnis et immunis viciis cunctis, et honestus.
 Anno milleno domini C quater quadrageno
 Adjuncto semel I, Gereonis limine festi,
 Mors rapit hunc; plora. Christus sit ei salus, ora.⁴

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Jan. 9 (Fri.). Dr. Timothy Goodwin, Archbishop of Cashel in Ireland, died very lately. He succeeded Dr. Wm Nicolson, formerly Bp of Carlisle. This is the same Goodwin that was for some time a sojourner of Edmund Hall, Oxford, as a Member of wh^{ch} he took the Degree of M.A., Jan. 22, 1696, he being before a Leyden Dr. of Physick. I have spoke of him several times formerly, wh^{ch} makes it needless to say any Thing of him at present, unless it be that he was Author of the Life of Bp Stillingfleet, to whom he had been Chaplain.

Jan. 10 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson hath lent me, being delivered to me²⁰ last Sunday, Jan. 4, a little Thing in 8^{vo}, intit.: *Caesar's Dialogue, or a Familiar Communication containing the first Institution of a Subject in allegiance to his Sovereigne, Lond., 1601.* The Author E. N.; on the backside of the Title Page is a most admirable Print of Q. Eliz.; the book is very honest.

At the same time the Dr. restored to me Wilkinson's printed Catalogue of the Books in Magd. Hall Library.

Jan. 11 (Sun.). Yesterday, between 3 and 4 Clock, I was with the Vice-Chancellour, Dr. Butler, about restoring me my MS. that is (what I had heard) come to the Bodl. Library, and was lent by me to Mr. 30 Cherry, but never given by me either to him or to any one else, and I design it for no other Place than the Flames. It is the original and is dated, as I very lately learned (for I had quite forgot) June 11, 1700, thirty years ago; I have not the copy of so much as a single word of it. It is written by way of Letter about the Oath of allegiance, which I took when I was made Batchelor of Arts, as afterwards I did when I was made Master of Arts, & when I was made Beadle [and I paid those to whom I took it all the Allegiance (that is just none) that was due to them].⁵ All this I readily acknowledge. But when the Abjuration Oath was imposed, I utterly refused it, resigned my place of Architypographus and 40

¹ It was from St. Mary's; see Wood, *City of Oxford*, vol. iii. p. 44, where it is given.—Ed.

² Wood reads *cujus*, which makes no sense and does not rhyme with *immunis*.

³ Hearne reads *victus*; Wood *vultus*.

⁴ Hearne omits this last word; it is supplied from Wood. If Wood's version is consulted, it will be noticed that Hearne's is the more accurate.

⁵ The words in brackets are added in the margin.

superior Beadle, was debarred (for I never resigned my place of Hypo-bibliothecarius) the Bodleian Library, and I am now so much dissatisfied with both Oaths [notwithstanding the Oath of Allegiance can only include all Allegiance that is due to the Prince to whom 'tis taken, ^{weh} can in reality be just none to a *de facto* King of England]¹ that I decline & will decline taking either of them to the present Possessors of the Throne or their successors, in opposition to the Rightfull Heir. Some say that this Letter was wrote by me to induce & perswade Mr. Cherry to take the Oath, whereas the contrary is true; it was upon occasion of my taking
 10 the Oath when I was made Bach. of Arts. I put down in writing the Arguments that perswaded me to take the Oath, & this I did by way of Letter, & afterwards I lent it to Mr. Cherry, who wanted to be satisfied about my reasons, as it was fit he should, he having educated me at the University. The Arguments that then satisfied me are far from doing so now. I look upon them as weak and frivolous, & I am so much dissatisfied with this MS. of mine that, if they will keep it from me, I nevertheless revoke every Paragraph, line, word, letter, and tittle in it, & consign it over to the Fire.²

Tho: Hearne.

20 **Jan. 12 (Mon.).** Last night Mr. Fysher, Head Keeper of the Bodleian Library, called upon me and told me he had been with the V. Chancellour last Saturday, after I have been with him [the V. Chanc.], and that he seemed now to be against restoring me my MS., tho' before Saturday the V. Chanc. had told Mr. Fysher that it was a very reasonable Request. But it seems Wise of Trin. Coll. had been with the Vice-Chanc. on Friday last and dissuaded him, as much as he could, from being for doing me Justice. Mr. Fysher is much concerned at this, judging it (as it most certainly is) a great Injury to me, as well as to the memory of Mr. Cherry, since I utterly dislike the whole performance, never gave it away (and
 30 consequently no one had a Right to dispose of it but myself) and am so far from giving it to any Library whatsoever, or to any person or persons, that I give it no where else but to the flames. Tho' the Book be lodged in the Library, yet 'tis not as yet either numbered or catalogued.

Jan. 13 (Tu.). Yesterday came to Oxford my only sister, Anne Hearne, now the Wife of Thomas Field, of Woburn, near Beaconsfield, in Bucks., husbandman, who came with her. They were married on Monday, Dec. 22 last, at Wicombe, in Bucks. He is the son of Thomas Field, deceased (whose Widow is still living), husbandman, of White Waltham, in Berks., in ^{weh} parish my sister was also born. This Thomas
 40 Field, the son, was married before, by ^{weh} former Wife he had one Daughter, now 12 years of age, & no other Child. He is about 42 years old & my sister 39. My sister says she shall be 40 next Michaelmass.

¹ The words in square brackets are added in the margin.

² Hearne adds in the margin: '*When I was a childe, I spake [or reasoned] as a childe, I understood as a childe, I thought as a childe; but when I became a man I put away childish things.* The Vice-Chancellour seemed to be against restoring it me, and said every one of the Curators' leaves must be had, & that a Majority would not do, tho' he could not but allow that the thing was really mine. Upon ^{weh} I presently left him, concluding that he was an enemy.'

Remember to ask Mr. Baker who Joannes Herrisonus was. He is an Author quoted by Dr. Caius, who says he was *Artium & Medicinæ Doctor & author non incelebris*; upon w^{ch} Thomas Key, in his *Vindiciæ Antiquitatis Universitatis, Oxon.*, observes *qui nunquam tamen antea in testimonium productus est*. Dr. Caius says, *scripsit iste anno salutis 1464*.

Dr. Caius calls George Coriat *poeta cum primis elegans*, upon w^{ch} Thomas Key says, p. 61, *Quæ tua est faciendi poetæ autoritas?* But here, I think, Dr. Caius was in the right.

Jan. 14 (Wed.). The maiden name of my brother William's wife (for he was married lately before my sister) was Elizabeth Free. She had 10 been Cookmaid in Mr. Pen of Pen's family for about five years.

My L^d Oxford, in his Letter to me from Wimpole of the 1st instant, says that he hath no MSS. there nor any Catalogue of his MSS., so that he could not be certain whether he had any MS. of Walter Hemynghford, but he had some imperfect notion that he hath a MS. of that Historian. As soon as he comes to London, he said, he would let me know certainly, and if I desired to see it, I should be very free to make use of it.

Jan. 15 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Jan. 12, 1729-30:

London, Jan. 6. Last Week Sir Robert Walter of Sarsden, in the County 20 of Oxon., Bart., was married to the eldest Daughter of the late Hon. and Rev. Dr. Brydges, and Niece to his Grace the Duke of Chandos.

Jan. 16 (Fri.). Yesterday Dr. Henry Bigg, Warden of New College, was unanimously chosen Warden of Winchester College, in the room of Dr. John Dobson, deceased.

Last night died the widow Gardiner, mother to Mr. Stephens, Schoolmaster of Magd. Coll. School's wife. She died at the Physick Garden at her son-in-law's, the said Mr. Stephens. Her Husband Gardiner was a Wheelwright. She was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard in the East, on Mond., Jan. 19. 30

Jan. 19 (Mon.). Mr. Baker tells me from Cambridge of the 7th inst., at w^{ch} time he sent me the book above mentioned about Bucer, Fagius, & P. Martyr's Wife, that he never reads Lady Jane Grey's History without compassion, she having been led or persuaded by an ambitious man to accept a Crown, w^{ch} of herself she never affected. He knows of no MS. letters of hers.

Jan. 20 (Tu.). Of S^r James Hales, his Integrity & Resolution in refusing to subscribe the Instrument for disinheriting the Lady Mary, his fall, manner of death, &c., we have an account in Fox, in the Reign of Queen Mary, as likewise separately in a small Pamphlet in 12^{mo}, w^{ch} is 40 all that Mr. Baker knows of him or S^r W^m Cordell.

Jan. 17, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 159). 'I am just returned from Hartfordshire where I went to spend my Christmas. An anonymous hath printed the Life of White Kennet, extolling his Revolucional Principles and reflecting on Dr. Hicckes' [see Diary, Jan. 23].

Yesterday, about twelve Clock in the morning, died of the dead Palsy Dr. John Grandorge, Prebendary of Canterbury & Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxford. He had also other Preferment & died rich, & hath left a good Character. He was originally of Edmund Hall, where he had been Servitour to Dr. Mill, and as a Member thereof took the Degree of M.A. Jan. 23, 1693; after w^{ch}, upon a difference between Dr. Mill & Mr. Kennett, he went to Lincoln College, was elected into a Yorkshire Fellowship of Magd. Coll. & took the Degree of B.D. Apr. 30, 1706, and that of D.D. July 1, 1708.

- 10 'Joannes Herrisonus etiam constanter affirmat floruisse eum [i. e. Bedam] Cantabrigiae.' Caius de Antiq. Cant., p. 141, 8^{vo}, upon w^{ch} Thomas Key, in his Vindiciae, 'Huic [i. e. Herrisono] tum fidem adhibendam suadeo, quando authoritati n^{is}us quicquam affirmat.'

Jan. 21 (Wed.). Mr. Francis Drake, who (I am told) is an eminent Chirurgeon of York, hath undertaken to compile and publish *The History and Antiquities of the City of York*. He hath sent me a Letter, dated from York Oct. 27th last, with a Plan of his Design. Mr. Marmaduke Fothergill married his Aunt. He wants my Advice and Assistance. The best Advice I can give is, to bring it into as short a compass as he
20 can, & to consult the MSS. of Dr. Nathaniel Johnson, who had copied all that relates to Yorkshire from Dodsworth, & had made vast Additions of his own.

Jan. 22 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Jan. 19:

Richard Whitfield, of Maidenhead in Berks., Esq., is dead very lately. By his Will he hath left to his nephew, Penyston Powney, of the Inner Temple, Esq., the sum of £10,000.

The said Penyston Powney was some years since Gentleman Commoner of Queen's Coll., Oxford.

- 30 Jan. 23 (Fri.). Mr. James West lately saw the finest copy of Saxton's Mapps, most curiously coloured and illuminated, that he believes is in being, all which he turned over, but could not meet with any Inscription to S^r William Cordell.

Mr. West is apt to think Mr. Anderson's Plates were bought back by the Proprietor, Mr. Paterson.

Jan. 24 (Sat.). Mr. Whiteside's Relations, viz., the two Coopers, were lately in Oxford, & taking Mr. Whiteside's will (the same I wrote

Jan. 22, 1788. John Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 113). The Chronicle of the Monk of Gisburne, among the MSS. given by the Duke of Norfolk, is in a hand of the time of Hen. VI; it runs from 1066 to 1300, and seems to be unfinished.

Jan. 23, 1788. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 266). *Trokeloave* is finished. Mr. Whiteside's instruments are sold. Mr. Fletcher Gyles had his books.

Jan. 24, 1788. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 10. 35). Sends by Mr. Robert Hay the subscription for *Annales Edwardi II.*

above 7 years ago) of Mr. Brooks, of Brazennose, they went up to London, proved it, took out Letters of Administration, returned to Oxford, and dispatched all things, finding a great deal of money of his (besides a thousand libs. at Interest at Brazennose Coll. and an hundred libs. at Interest elsewhere, &c.) & having sold his apparatus, the best that is known, for more than four hundred libs. to Mr. Bradley, Savilian Professor of Astronomy, returned into their native Country of Lancashire Wednesday last, they having agreed beforehand that Mr. Whiteside's father should have the fifth part. Before they went they had the following Inscription put upon a little stone, to be laid over his Grave at X^t Church: ¹⁰
M. S. Johannis Whiteside, A.M., hujus ecclesie capellani. Obiit Oct. xxii, A.D. MDCCXXIX. Etat. 54. Perhaps made by Mr. Brooks or Mr. Colley. Mr. Whiteside hath often told me that he was entered of Brazennose Coll., where he was servitour to his Tutor, Mr. Hamar (who left to him & another Pupil, when he died, all his Books; in the year 1696) & last summer he told me and Mr. Murray that he was under fifty years of age, being by his Discourse then in the 49th year. At first it was put in the Inscription 55, but 'twas altered to 54, wch Mr. Colley was resolute was right, notwithstanding he had been told it should be only 49.

Jan. 25 (Sun.). Dr. Grandorge, who died in the 60th year of his age, ²⁰ was buried yesterday in the afternoon at four Clock Prayers in Magd. Coll. Chappell.

One Mr. Lamport, son-in-law to old Mr. Hayes, of Holyport, in the Parish of Bray, in Berks., resided & dwelt for some time at the Hill House, in the parish of White Waltham in Berks., viz., anno 1714, &c.

May 10, 1714, my father George Hearne wrote me word that the old house at Heywood, in the parish of White-Waltham, was then taken almost quite down, & that there was a new foundation laid. He could not learn that any antique things worth taking notice of were found there, only 2 or 3 Q. Eliz. sixpences. ³⁰

At the same time he told me he did not as yet know whether Madam Cherry had any of the MSS. of her husband restored.

He said Mr. Richard Jenkinson took possession of Binfield Rectory on Sunday, May 9, 1714.

He said Harry Wild (who was one of my School Fellows), a Bricklayer, of Reading, but born at White Waltham, died that year at Reading of a fever & dropsie.

He said a fine stone was erected on Tom Newman, clerk of Shottesbrook's grave by his son John, and knew not but it might cost 4 pounds. This John Newman is now Husband to a daughter of Dr. White ⁴⁰ Kennett's.

To endeavour to get the private Act of Parliament (for I hear there was one) graunted to Madam Cherry, to enable her to sell her estate.

Jan. 26 (Mon.). My Father told me in a Letter from White Waltham, Feb. 16, 1718, that as to the Dortaire at Shottesbrook, on

Jan. 26, 1720. Rev. F. Peck to H. (Rawl. 9. 9. Endorsed by Hearne, 'Received Jan. 31. It cost me 7d.'). On Feb. 18, 1720, Mr. Stephén Fletcher, of Oxford, received five copies of the History of Stamford by Mr. Peck for

second thoughts he did suppose that it was only the passage from that which really was the Monks' lodgings into the cross Isle (for it was very narrow & but short) from the house, viz., but cross the way, & two small windows in it, on each side one. [But I believe it was the true Dormitory for them, a large Room being not necessary for so small a number as they were.]

He said the Vineyard there so-called was doubtlessly formerly one. As to the Chappell at Feens, in White Waltham parish, he said he thought 'twas still intire, unless it be at the West End, ^{weh} is made a stable
 10 & lodgings over it, and the other is turned into a Barn. The Windows (says he) remaine still, and very thick stone Walls, only the Windows are not very broad but on the South side. He said he thought under the Porch or entrance there was still a large Vault or Cellar under part of the Chappell, embowed very artificially. What that was made for he could never understand; *perhaps* (says he) *when you can see it, you may guess at it. I am mighty willing that you should in my time have a view of Shottesbrook College and Feens too.* [Not a great while after, I walked over to Waltham, but his lameness prevented him from being able to go along with me to see either, so I returned without viewing them.]

20 **Jan. 27 (Tu.).** In p. 241 of the 8^{vo} Ed. (p. 178 of the 4^{to}) Dr. Caius mentions a MS. *de controversia de primo & capitali Domino regni Scotiae*. He says of it *liber cedro certe dignus, quem aliquando per otium forsan dabimus*. Quaere what 'tis & whether the Dr. did any thing towards its publication.

Immo si Jo. Herrisono auctori gravi atque docto credendum sit, Anaxagoras Cantabrigiae sepultus est, &c. Dr. Caius, p. 247, ed. 8^{vo}; upon ^{weh} Mr. Thomas Key his MS. *Vindiciae: Diog. Laërt. lib. 2, Lampsaci sepultum scribit. Hunc ego centum Herrisonis antepono.*

My Father, George Hearne, wrote me word by Letter on Mar. 4, 17¹¹₂,
 30 from White Waltham, that a tragical thing had happened of late. A farmer in Bray Parish, whose name was Beard, a miserable Fellow that had no Religion nor goodness in him, & was almost ready to starve himself, absconded himself from his house on Monday, Feb. 25 that year, with one of his horses, and was found hanged by Crambourn woodside, near Winkfield, on a tree with the Bridle of his horse, on Tuesday next, having above twenty Pounds in money and a wedding Ring worth 30 shillings, all in his Pockett. My Father wrote this to me of a certain truth, and as a strange thing.

At the same time he told me he doubted Stephen Edwards was under
 40 very mean circumstances. For he was afraid he had traded so much with other people's money that 'twould undo him.

The said Stephen Edwards dyed but poor, tho' a single man, and once esteemed very rich. What was the occasion of his decay I know not,

sale. Mr. Peck would like to know who Mr. Fletcher's Executor is, and suggests that H. should keep the money for these books, and Mr. Peck 'will take it out in any Thing you publish.' [See also Diary, Feb. 2.]

Jan. 27, 17²⁸₈. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 39). Thanks for the return of the Catalogue of Magd. Hall Library.

tho' perhaps my Father hath hit upon one part of the cause. This Stephen Edwards was an ingenious man, & one whom I always looked upon as very honest.

Jan. 28 (Wed.). 'De discordia etiam anno a Christo nato 1264, regnante Hen. III, exorta (non dicam contra regem) ob quam Northamptoniae exsulastis, ut Ranulphus, lib. viii, cap. xxxvii, & Chron. Abendonense, quod Gualterus Hemingfordus Gisburn. scripsit, testes sunt.' *Caius de Antiq. Cant.*, p. 269, ed. 8^{vo}, § p. 196, ed. 4^{to}. Quære how Hemingforde's Hist. (we^{ch} is printed to the death of Hen. III) came to be stiled *Chron. Abendonense*. 10

Old mother Tooley, of Shottesbrooke, in Berks., dyed anno 1713 (after Mr. Francis Cherry), aged about 100. So my Father, in a Letter to me from White Waltham in December, 1713.

My Father at the same time told me that cosin Tho. Newman, the parish clark of Shottesbrooke, dyed the week before the date of his Letter, and that he was buried the Sunday following by his son John, who made a great Burial. There was a Sermon, and my Father believed the charge was 5 pounds. This John afterwards married a daughter of B^p Kennett's.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Jan. 26, 1728: 20

There is lately dead the Rev. Mr. George Lewis, very much lamented by the Poor and Rich, being a Person of singular Gravity and Charity. He was long in the Service of the East India Company, as Chaplain at Fort St. George, where he acquired an universal knowledge in the Persian, Arabian, and Chinese Languages. Some time after his Return, he made a Present of these [*sic*] Collections to the University Library of Cambridge, which are there much esteemed. He was made by B^p Evans archdeacon of Meath in Ireland, worth £700 per annum and was Chaplain to her Majesty when Princess, and Rector of — in Northamptonshire worth £300 per annum.

Jan. 29 (Thur.). My Father wrote me word from White-Waltham, 30 Mar. 11, 171 $\frac{3}{8}$, that the Gentleman that had some MSS. relating to Sr Walter Rawleigh lived then at Binfield. My Father gave me hopes of getting some account of them by the help of Mr. Griffyth, but never did it.

He told me the name of my coz., Charles Weldon, of Shottesbrooke's father was Charles Weldon or Welden, & that his Uncle that sold the estate at Cookham and whom my Father remembers was Geo. Weldon, Esq.; that there were of the family at Cookham, and that coz. Charles lost that estate through fearfulness and carelessness, having out of it but £15 per an. during life.

He gave me hopes of making a particular Enquiry about Brumhal Nunnery, if he could get some ease from his Lameness (having the Sciatica) to ride to Wingfield or Sunning-hill. 40

Jan. 28, 1733. Thomas Bedford to H. (Rawl. 28. 19). The advertisement arrived too late on Friday to be put into any of Saturday's Papers. It will be inserted in Tuesday's *Daily Post Boy*, because that being Post-day to all parts of England, it will spread farther than any of Monday's papers.

He likewise then told me he had received by Tradition from one of the family of the Weldons, that W^m Welden, of Shottesbrook, Esq., who I told him was living in 1623, kept such Hospitality in his time, that there was a fat Ox killed every one of the 12 daies after Xmas and kept open house to all comers.

Also that Smewins went in Q. Eliz. time by the name of the Mote-Place, but by what reason the name was altered he knew not.

Last night, about eleven Clock, died of the Black Jaundice, Mr. Plastin, a taylor, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, who hath a Son a Clergyman,
 10 & one of his Daughters is the Wife of one Colmer, lately of Magd. Coll. Oxon. [He was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard, Saturday, Jan. 31.]

Jan. 30 (Fri.). My Father wrote me word on Jan. 31, 17¹⁴/₁₅, that Stephen Edwards had sold his houses and land to Mr. John Bacon, the Gardiner, only reserving 2 Rooms during life, and he doubted 'twas hard with him.

At the same time he told me he had received the good news from Mr. Griffyth of my being chosen squire Beadle, and that they should ring a Peal at their Church of White Waltham that evening for joy thereof, and that he should give the Ringers somewhat to drink my health.
 20 [I sent him money soon afterwards on that account, viz., a crown, but added that the ringing was a needless thing, since I was apprehensive I should not hold the place long, as it really happened on account of the Oaths.]

'Ut Historia Brutus, quem tu Historiam Regiam nominas (cujus initium est de patre istius Bruti historiae videntur dissonare), quae propemodum nihil aliud est quam Ranulphi simia.' Caius de Antiq. Cant., p. 313, Ed. 8^{vo}. So that the *Historia Regia* is *Brute of England*. But of this I must consider particularly.

'Ea historia [Buriensis] ideo regia dicta est, quod a Buriensi monacho,
 30 Ricardi secundi mandato, conscripta fuit.' Thom. Key Vindiciae, p. 322.

Jan. 31 (Sat.). Mr. Taylor, of Univ. College, told me last night, what I had not heard before, that some years agoe, when old Mr. Bouchier's son was made, in his father's room, Regius Professor of Law, they endeavoured to out him of his Fellowship of All Souls College, pretending that the Professorship was inconsistent with his Fellowship by the College Statutes, w^{ch} prohibit any from being Fellow that hath a pension of such a value. I know not the words of the Statute, but Bouchier evaded all by a speech he made, w^{ch} I suppose (& so do others) was his Father's doing, it being handsome enough, in w^{ch} he shewed the
 40 difference between *pensio annualis* & *pensio annua*, a distinction they were not aware of. Inquire more about this, for 'tis dark.

He likewise told me, what I had not heard before, that some time ago the present B^p of London, Edmund Gibson, asked Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, what Conventicles there were in Oxford (meaning Non-juring places of worship) and whether I went to any one of them, or whether I went to the Hall Chappell to Prayers. I know not well what answer Felton made, unless it be, that he said he knew of no Conventicles in Oxford, and that I went to no Conventicle. As for my own part, there being no nonjuring place for worship in Oxford, I continue in my

own Room and pray by myself, using the Common Prayer, and that with greater consistence than go to the publick Churches & joyn with them but partly.

Feb. 1 (Sun.). Yesterday my Lord Brudenell, of Queen's Coll., son to the Earl of Cardigan, was created Master of Arts.

Monday last, being Jan. 26, died one Dr. John Birch or Bearch, of London, M.D., as Mr. John Clarke, a London Bookseller, informed me by Letter on Jan. 29. I know not the character of this Birch, but must inquire, Mr. Clarke seeming to insinuate as if he were a very worthy honest man.

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Feb. 2 (Mon.). In Queen Eliz. Civil List, MS. penes Franc. Peck of Godeby, near Melton in Leicestershire (the same that published the *Antiquities of Stanford*), as he tells me in a Letter from Godeby, Jan. 26, 17²⁹/₃₀, cap. 64, lib. 5:

Woodstock, com. Oxon.

Keeper of the Park ; Fee	2	13	4
Keeper of the Great Park ; Fee	4	0	0
with Herbage and Pannage	15	0	0
Paler of the Park ; Fee	4	11	4
Keeper of the Little Park	4	0	0
Herbage and Pannage	15	0	0

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Feb. 3 (Tu.). My father wrote me word from White Waltham on Jan. 2, 17¹⁸/₁₉, that Shottesbrooke great house and lordship and White-Waltham were at last all sold to a Dutch Gentleman (as he thought him) named Vansittart.

Some years ago Mr., now Dr., Richard Rawlinson told me (in a written Paper he sent me) that his brother Thomas had a folio MS. paper very old, and that there was a note in it of a modern hand thus, *A very ancient Chronicle, beginning with Brutus and ending with Hen. V*, and another on a spare leaf at the beginning thus, *the same with this book in Bennet 30 College. vide Catalogue MSS. no. 1339. 63.*

Feb. 1, 17²⁸/₂₉. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 24). The *orator* mentioned by Dr. Caius in 1564 was William Masters, who was educated at Eton. Nathaniel Wanley was of Trinity College, and was B.A. in 1653–4. He was the author of *The Wonders of the Little World*.

Feb. 3, 17²⁸/₂₉. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 81). Has asked his nephew, Mr. Sam. Rolleston, to pay H. ten guineas, partly for copies of *Vita Ricardi II* received, and partly for *Trokelow's Annals* soon to appear.

Feb. 3, 17²⁸/₂₉. Nich. Corsellis to H. (Rawl. 4. 99). Mr. Fysher of Oriel, on the sight of this letter, will pay N. C.'s subscription for the next volume. 'You may direct for me at Layer Marney, to be left at the Angel in Kelvedon, Essex' (*Endorsed*, rec^d Feb. 5).

Feb. 4, 17²⁸/₂₉. H. to his brother Edmund Hearne, at Esq. Player's at Maugotsfield near Bristol (Diaries 124. 136). On Nov. 4 last, H. had sent to White Waltham a box for him, containing books and a new Bible. Asks if there are any remains of a Nunnery at Maugotsfield.

Feb. 4, 17²⁸/₂₉. J. Worthington at London to H. (Rawl. 18. 45). Wishes to subscribe for H.'s next issue because it is to contain the papers about Mr. Ferrar's Religious Family, formerly communicated by J. W.

Feb. 5 (Thur.). My best friend, Mr. Francis Cherry, was a very handsome man, particularly when young. His hands were delicately white. He was a man of great parts and one of the finest Gentlemen in England. King James II, seeing him on horseback in Windsor Forest, when his Majesty was hunting, asked who it was; being told, the King said he never saw any one sit a horse better in his life. Mr. Cherry was educated in the Free School at Bray, under Mr. (now Dr.) King. He was Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, anno 1682, Mr. Penton, the Principal, having the chief care of him. The Hall was then very full, 10 particularly there were then a great many Gentlemen Commoners there. Mr. Cherry chumered with two more. They call Chamberfellows by the name of *Chums*. He behaved himself very genteely in the Hall & very innocently. He used to allow himself for battelling just nine shillings a week. He used to complain that he was not so studious in the Hall as he afterwards wished he had been. He married Mrs. Eliz. Finch, daughter of John Finch, of Feens in the parish of White Waltham, Berks., in the year 1686, Jan. 20th. I think they were married by Mr. John Gryffith, vicar of White Waltham, in the said White Waltham church. He said Mrs. Finch was ten years older than Mr. Cherry. 20 Mr. Cherry's mother was then afraid her son was not quite 21 years old. Mr. Cherry was mighty desirous of having a son. Accordingly his two first children were sons, but they died very young. His other children were daughters, two of wch are now living. The famous Mr. Dodwell, being deprived of his Professorship of History at Oxford, at the time of the wicked Revolution (because he would not take the Oaths to the Prince and Princess of Orange), retired to Cookham, near Maidenhead, in Berks., a place to wch he had used formerly sometimes to retire. Hence he used frequently to walk to Maidenhead to the Coffee House, where, meeting with Mr. Cherry, they became acquainted, Mr. Cherry being 30 likewise a Non-Juror. Mr. Cherry used to go twice a Week to Maidenhead to meet Mr. Dodwell, and he was very quick at his Dinner at Shottesbrook, on purpose that he might have the more time with him at Maidenhead. After some time Mr. Dodwell removed to an old manour House, called Smewins, in the parish of White Waltham, where

Feb. 5, 17²⁹/₃₀. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 9. 22). 'I am preparing for my last Auction of printed books. If you have any inclination to undeceive yourself as to the last sale, all the Catalogues in Mr. Cryne's hands are on demand for your view; so far are the prices from being high, that I know of commissions from Oxford four times larger than the books fetched. . . . Mr. Le Neve's Epitaph is on the other side. . . . Mr. A[nstis] tells me he was a mere mechanical officer and had little of the scholar, though bred at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. . . . Your proposal as to the Life of Ant. à Wood much surprises here; of it there are more than 10 copies, which are very little valued, and the Cantabrigians begin to triumph on the vision they have of our Oxford Antiquarie's being so publickly exposed. . . . The original MS. comes down to very near Mr. Wood's death and is in Dr. Tanner's hands, as they say here, and I am commissioned from several well-wishers to you and your labours to desire you to weigh this matter, in which I pretend not to dictate, especially as my reputation will no ways suffer. . . . Dean Gilbert's affair is differently reported here; I would be glad of some account from you, who are able to give me the truth. . . . What is the affair of Dr. Felton of your College.'

he lodged with one Farmer Goodchild. This house belonged to the Cherrys, and Mr. Cherry contrived it on purpose that Mr. Dodwell might be nearer to him, it being something above a quarter of a mile south-south-east from Mr. Cherry's habitation. Mr. Dodwell afterwards marrying a young Woman, his former landlord of Cookham's daughter, Mr. Cherry had a house fitted up for them just by Shottesbrooke Church. Mr. Dodwell being so near Mr. Cherry's, they conversed and studied together every day, and in the forenoons Mr. Dodwell used to be at the Common Prayer in Mr. Cherry's house, and in the afternoons Mr. Cherry used to be at Mr. Dodwell's, when the same Common Prayer was also to read. They used to walk once a day together (Sundays only excepted) for at least an hour on a fine Terrace Walk in Mr. Cherry's Garden. A great many Non-Jurors and other learned men used at those times to resort to Shottesbrooke, so that Mr. Cherry's house would be sometimes like a College. In the year 1695 Dr. George Hickes was at Shottesbrooke with his Wife in the summertime for about three months. The Dr. at that time went under the name of Dr. Smith, & his Cloaths were ordinary, he being forced to abscond & disguise himself upon account of a Declaration he had published against Dr. Talbot, the intruding Dean of Worcester. It being at length understood that the Dr. was at Mr. Cherry's, 10 the house was one night (about twelve a Clock I think) beset, on purpose to apprehend him, but he got out at a back door, passed through the Gardens into the Church Yard & escaped safe to Bagshot to Collonel Grymes's, & his wife followed. Dr. Hickes used to take great delight in walking upon Mr. Cherry's Terras, and meditating there by himself. Mr. Cherry in those days was so intent upon his studies that sometimes he would sit at them almost all night. This I observed in the year 1695, when he took me into his Family. After I was taken into Mr. Cherry's Family, among other things that I did for him, I transcribed many MSS. that he had, partly from Mr. Dodwell and partly from others. In the 30 latter end of that year, viz. in Michaelmas Term, Mr. Cherry took care to enter me a Battelar of Edmund Hall, tho' I did not continue at Oxford, but returned to Shottesbrooke again, where I continued till Easter Term anno 1696. When I was entered, Mr. White Kennett, then Rector of Shottesbrooke, came with me. We lay in our way at his Brother in Law Mr. Hill's, Vicar of Waterstoke, and the next day Mr. Kennett saw me entered of Edmund-Hall & took care of it at the Request of Mr. Cherry. Mr. Cherry himself came along with Mr. Hearne in 1696 to Oxford and settled him there, paying all the Expenses, as he afterwards maintained him there 'till he was Master of Arts. Mr. Kennett was likewise at that 40 time in Oxford with Mr. Cherry, as was also Mr. Dodwell. Mr. Kennett & Mr. Cherry dined with Dr. Mill, the Principal, in the Publick Refectory, but Mr. Dodwell could not be persuaded to dine there. Mr. Cherry used to read to Mr. Dodwell, and particularly on Sundays Mr. Cherry would read to Mr. Dodwell for two or three Hours some Latin ecclesiastical Historian after evening Prayers. Mr. Cherry was a great assistant to Mr. Dodwell in Mr. Dodwell's book *de Cyclis*. Mr. Cherry drew up a Chronology to Herodotus, and began many other things in Learning but left them imperfect. When I was with him, he used to instruct me in Greek & Latin, & set me Exercise, & often (generally every day) heard 50

me my lesson in the same manner, as if I had been at School. In the mornings I used always to read a Chapter in the Old Test. to him, he having all the time the Septuagint before him. When I was a young Undergraduate, of very little standing, I walked over to Shottesbrooke, and transcribed for Mr. Cherry Sr Hen. Spelman's History of Sacrilege, w^{ch} was soon after printed from my Transcript with a short Preface. Mr. Cherry was afterwards blamed by Dr. Mill & some others for publishing this Piece, being angry, it seems, because such as had lands that belonged to Religious Houses were touched at it. In a book just published by an anonymous Author (one, I am told, that had been Chaplain to White Kennett) there is mention of the said History of Sacrilege. The Book is an Account of the Life of B^p Kennett, and in it Kennett is made to be the Publisher of the said History, and to have written the Preface, whereas I always thought Mr. Cherry had published it, and so indeed I do still, notwithstanding he might hand it to the Press by Mr. Kennett, who happened to be at Shottesbrooke just as I had finished the Transcript, & he was by, smoking his Pipe in the Parlour, when Mr. Cherry & I compared it with the Copy I had followed, which Copy was of the hand-writing of Mr. Edmund Gibson, now B^p of London. I was also of
 10 opinion that the little Preface to the said History was penned by Mr. Cherry, but this anonymous Writer tells us Kennett did it. My Transcript of the said History is now in the Bodleian Library, among the MSS. Mr. Cherry had designed for, and indeed given to, me, but were detained from me and bequeathed by his Widow to the said Library with a Picture of Mr. Cherry not like him, and at the best a very indifferent one.

Mr. Cherry once designed to publish Sr John Fortescue's MSS. pieces, but he altered his mind, I suppose because Sr John was against the King *de Jure* & wrote in behalf of *de Facto* Kings. Mr. Cherry had like-
 30 wise a design of publishing some pieces in our English History, in which he was well versed; but he was too much diverted by his other Studies from a close pursuit of our History; and 'twas those other Studies too w^{ch} hindered him from learning & applying himself to the Saxon Tongue, which Dr. Hickes, when he resided at Shottesbrooke, in my hearing advised him to learn, w^{ch} I wish he had done. But that w^{ch} most of all hindered and obstructed his Studies was the fatal death of his Father, W^m Cherry, Esq., who was killed by the overthrow of his Coach, the Horses running away in a Fright. Which W^m Cherry was an Attorney and a shrewd cunning man, but of a very bad character for his
 40 Virtue, Probity, and Honesty as any man in England. Mr. Cherry's father, the said W^m Cherry, Esq., was the person that pulled down the Doitour or Dormitory of Shottesbrooke College & committed other sacrilege there. He owed a great deal of money at his death, having abundance of other people's money in his hands. He had got other people's Estates away in an odd manner. He died it seems intestate, but he left his affairs to the management of Mr. Austin & Mr. Holden, the former his brother Henry Cherry's clerk, & the latter his the said W^m Cherry, Esq.'s, own clerk. Both these understood the Affairs full well, & 'twas wisely done in him to committ all to them, the son being
 50 perfectly unacquainted with the Business. And indeed the father kept

the son on purpose in ignorance, because the Estate was so strangely encumbered that he knew 'twould very much affect his son if he were let into it. Had the Mr. Austin and Mr. Holden been left to manage Affairs, all things would have been easy, the debts would have been paid, and every thing would have been so cleared and settled as to have a noble Estate left to his son; but the son, being willing to take all upon himself, got them to relinquish their Trust, and then undertook to do every Thing himself, ^{weh} soon proved his Ruin. For every Thing was so intricate to him (he having not been used to affairs of this nature) that he was soon involved in trouble, and particularly by that ungratefull Wretch (the ¹⁰ Proteus of the Age) Dr. White Kennett, who in the year 1712 troubled him and threw him into Reading Goal [*sic*] for a Debt (^{weh} was not very great) contracted by his father, ^{weh} had such an Effect that it brought others upon him, involved him in Misery (tho' he was very chearfull) and soon put an end to his Life. For he dyed on Sept. 23, 1713, and was buried in Shottesbrooke church yard with this Epitaph ordered by himself, as may be learned from what I have said in my Preface to Leland's Collectanea: HIC IACET PECCATORVM MAXIMVS.

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Feb. 6 (Fri.). I find by a Memorandum of my Father's that Fran. Cherry, Esq., and Elizabeth Finch were married the 20th day of Jan., 1686, ²⁰ in White-Waltham Church.

Also that Eliz. the daughter of Hen. Wilde of White Waltham was baptized the 18th day of November 1686.

Also that Joane the wife of William Manwood of White Waltham was buried the 28th day of November, 1686.

Also that Thomas Hawes of White Waltham was buried the 19th day of Jan., 1686.

I just remember the said Thomas Hawes. He was buried in the Church. He was Father of Mr. John Hawes, a jolly fat comely man, who hath been dead some years, and of three Daughters, two of which were ³⁰ named Sarah & Rebecca, and the third, ^{weh} was eldest (whose Xtian name I forget), is now the Widow of one Mr. Lawrence of Holyport in the parish of Bray, but he lives at White Waltham.

Feb. 7 (Sat.). Mr. Le Neve's Epitaph from Dr. Rawlinson, who observes that 'tis neither Latin, sense, nor morality, and that even Modesty is almost excluded:

Siste gradum, lector, et perlege.

Hic jacet, quem credas haud bene meruisse

de Trinitate,

Quia noluit unicum Deum omniscientem &c. in tres dividi personas; ⁴⁰

De Ecclesia Anglicana,

Quia omnes credebat religiones Dei permissione origines habuisse;

De Rege Gulielmo,

Quia nihil sibi utrum ipse vel Jacobus gubernarent;

De patria,
 Quia nunquam intelligebat dulce esse pro patria mori;
 De superiori domo¹ Parliamenti
 Quia causae in ea non secundum justitiam, sed interesse, terminatae;
 De inferiori domo,
 Quia foeda omnium aliarum curiarum examinari curaverunt, non tamen
 extortiones Prolocutoris domus, Clerici, servientis ad arma,
 et aliorum servorum suorum;
 De Curiis municipalibus,
 10 Quia eae ex vociferationibus caudicorum et nequitiis attornatorum
 compositae;
 De Cancellaria,
 Quia per fuitiles rationes communis legis, non secundum conscientiam
 et leges gentium sicut olim gubernantur;
 De collegio Heraldorum,
 Quia inveniebat socios inter se divisos et sic reliquit;
 De amicis,
 Quia nunquam deflebat mortem alicujus;
 De Feminis,
 20 Quia nullam, nisi ipso momento, deamabat;
 De uxore,
 Quia leges matrimoniales haud una vice flectebat;
 Nec de seipso,
 Quia per nimiam parsimoniam negligebat curam fistulae, ex qua
 correptus fuit.
 Hic fuit, dum fuit,
 PETRVS LE NEVE,
 Unus dudum e vicecamerariis curiae receptorum Scaccarii
 et Prosecutor Armorum a rubeo Cruce, vulgo Rouge Croix nuncupatus,
 30 Postea Richmondiae Heraldus,
 et demum Norroy Rex Armorum.
 Avus Firmianus le Neve de Roughland in Com. Norf. Gen.
 Avia Maria filia Thomae Cony, Noruicensis,
 Pater Franciscus, Civis Londinensis,
 Mater Anna filia Petri Wright, mercatoris Londinensis,
 Frater unicus junior et heres ex asse
 Petri fratris sui Olivarius le Neve de Witchingham Magna in Norf.
 armiger;
 Uxor Prudentia filia Johannis Hughes, Bristol,
 40 filii Meredith Hughes de Clairwall agri Radnorsen.
 Ex Prudentia uxore suscepit gemellas duas
 Elizabetham et Annam, mortuas in primo aetatis mense,
 Quia dicas canis pessimi ne catulum esse relinquendum,
 Obiit Petrus die—mensis—Anno Juliani Kalendarii MDCCXXIX.
 Dic nunc Lector
 Quid sim, et eris mihi magnus Apollo.
 Haec ipse Petrus inscribi curavit
 Quia semper adulationem² odio habuit
 et adulationibus odiosus fuit.

¹ MS.: domus.² MS.: adulationis.

Feb. 8 (Sun.). Mr. Anstis, in his Letter from the Heralds' Office of the 22nd of last month, tells me that the Chronicle of the Monk of Gisburne, among the MSS. given by the Duke of Norfolk to that place, in the proeme saith that it contains the History from the Conquest by W^m the Bastard to the year 1300. He saith he just cast his eye upon it & supposes it may, upon that transitory view, have been transcribed about the Reign of Hen. VI. If I should desire it, he supposes their Officers would consent that it might be lent me. Though it ends by a fair backside of a leaf and hath some not unusual verses at the end, yet it seems not to have been finished, breaking off abruptly. He says he has not Dr. Gale's Edition of that Author, & knowing not whether I desired any more particular account, therefore he only transiently looked upon it. 10

Feb. 9 (Mon.). On Friday last, Feb. 6, was elected unanimously Warden of New College, in the room of Dr. Bigg, removed to the Wardenship of Winchester, vacant by the death of Dr. John Dobson, who dyed in the 42nd year of his age, Mr. John Coxed, B.C.L. and Fellow of New College, who is in the 32nd year of his age.

My Father, George Hearne, wrote me word from White Waltham, Ap. 8, 1718, that that day he was 69 years old.

He said he had endeavoured to get what knowledge he could of the 20 Family of the Weldons, and he sent me inclosed in his Letter an account from Coz. Stephen Edwards, being all that at that time the said Stephen Edwards knew of it. It seems somebody had got or borrowed some old writings which he had. As for Coz. Charles Weldon (nephew of the said Stephen) he was then (as he is now, 1729) ignorant of any thing and doth not care to talk any thing of it, tho' no doubt if he were an ingenious man he might find a title to a good Estate at Cookham was meerly fooled away through his own temerity. My Father said he could never learn that the Weldons ever lived at Blacklover, that the Powles had it in Q. Eliz. reigne, and in that reign Smewins was called the Mote 30 Place.

My Father told me at the same time that the man he called cozin Commin told him that their family came from the Commins of Scotland. My father said some lived at Mednam¹ then, and some at Fawley and Bicks², and had at that time (1718) good estates, and that they were nearly related to us by mother's side.

He said my uncle W^m had something to impart to me about Mednam. My uncle afterwards sent it.

My Father said that at Smewins, since he remembered, in the Hall was the Ostrich feather with 'Ich Dien' in the Window. Mr. Wilkinson, 40 vicar of Laurence Waltham, said it belonged to the Princes of Wales.

Yesterday morning, Feb. 8, M^{rs}. Elizabeth Shepherd, the wife of Mr. John Shepherd (whose maiden name was Saunders) was brought to bed of a Daughter, being her sixth child. [It was immediately baptized by the name of Sarah & dyed on Friday morning, Feb. 13 following, & was buried in St. Peter's churchyard Feb. 15, Sunday evening.]

¹ i. e. Medmenham, Bucks.

² i. e. Bix, Oxon.

Feb. 10 (Tu.). Mr. Samuel Meade told my late friend Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., that the Letter in¹ w^{ch} Battely's Antiquitates Rutupinae was printed he would have used for Neubrigensis, so as to make it a curious Book. Accordingly I made use of it, and it mightily pleased Mr. Mead and others.

My Father wrote me word on July 4th, 1714, being Sunday, that Madam Cherry, the relict of Mr. Francis Cherry, was then at the Hill-house with Mr. Lamport, but she had been, and was then, in great affliction; for the Monday preceding, being June 28th, at night, M^{rs}.
 10 Sarah, her daughter, was buried in the Vault at Shottesbrooke. She died of the small Pox. They came from London but the Saturday, June 19; fell sick on the Monday and died on Friday, June 25, having been at church twice on the Sunday.

Feb. 11 (Ashwednesday). Yesterday died Mr. — Hobson, head Butler of Christ-Church, a man of a good fair Character.

My father told me in the said Letter of July 4, 1714, that it was the very hottest and driest summer that he ever knew but one, and that was the same year that London was burnt, and then wheat was cheap.

He could not then tell who would be the purchaser of the estate at
 20 Shottesbrooke, for w^{ch} he was informed they asked a great deal.

Feb. 12 (Thur.). Yesterday, one old Allen (formerly a milkman & Coachman), a man of more than fourscore years of age, who lived in St. Clement's near Oxford, was found drowned just by the Backside of one of the houses there, and 'tis said he did it himself.

To inquire about *Rogerus Boulus* or *Bowlus*, author *Neonamiensis historiae*, a writer much set by by Dr. Caius, but I believe without just ground.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Feb. 9, 1730:

We hear that the Rev. Dr. Croxal, who preached before the Hon. House of
 30 Commons on the 30th past, being the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of King Charles I, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, was on Tuesday last struck out of the list of the King's Chaplains.

NB. This did not prove true, being only Rumour. His Sermon shews him to be ambidexter.

Feb. 13 (Fri.). Mr. Bradley, Savilian Professor of Astronomy, hath bought Mr. Whiteside's apparatus, for w^{ch} Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. told me yesterday that he was assured by Mr. Brooke of Brazennose College that he gave only an hundred and seventy pounds, tho' I had been before told that he gave above four hundred libs. for them. Mr. Whiteside
 40 several years agoe valued them at five hundred libs. and at last at eight hundred libs.

Yesterday in the Forenoon, Mr. Coxhead, the new Warden of New College, came into Town from the Visitor, attended by near two hundred persons.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Feb. 9, 1730:

Dr. Grandorge of Magdalene College, Oxford, one of the Fellows of that Society, and also one of the Prebendaries of the church of Canterbury, died

¹ On, MS.

lately. He was above 30 years chaplain to the late Earl of Thanet. In Acts of Charity and Goodness he followed the Example of that great man and left by his Will to the aforesaid College £500 for buying perpetual advowsons and also £500 to the Church of Canterbury for Repairs and Ornaments of the said Church. Likewise £500 to the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, to be distributed among the Daughters of the poor Clergymen; besides many other charitable Legacies.

Feb. 14 (Sat.). Dr. Croxall above-mentioned preached on Jan. 30th upon Prov. xxv. 5. *Take away the wicked from before the king and his throne shall be established in righteousness.* 10

Yesterday, as I returned out of the Country from my walk, I met Mr. Carew Reynell, Fellow of Corpus X^{ti} College, going up to Heddington Hill, with whom I had a little Discourse about Mr. Fran. Ayscough, M.A. of their College, who had been hindered by that Society from being made actual Fellow, for being (as they say) of Bangorian Principles. This Ayscough hath appealed to the Visitor, viz. the B^p of Winchester.

Mr. Reynell at the same time told me that they would print my Letter about the Oath of Allegiance, on purpose out of Revenge for what I have printed at the end of *Vita Ricardi II*, from S^r Simonds D'Ewes about L^d Bacon & the Duke of Buckingham. I told him, if they would 20 print my excrements, I could not help it, and that it would be a grievous Reflexion upon themselves. I observed that all they could pretend to print it for, was only to show that I had been a child (it being a childish performance) & to prove that I had formerly taken the Oath of Allegiance, viz. 30 years ago. I told him there needed no proof of either, the first being clear and the other also plain from my being a regular Graduate, degrees taken regularly being not done without taking the Oath of Allegiance at the same time. I told him I always acknowledged I had formerly taken the Oath of Allegiance & that I kept it to the Prince to whom I took it; but then I never took the Oath of Abjuration, for 30 w^{ch} I have been a great Sufferer. Nor indeed have I taken any Oath since I lost my Places.

Feb. 15 (Sun.). On the 10th of Feb. 1729, Mr. Francis Taylor, M.A. and Fellow of Univ. Coll., lent me an original Diploma, the Copy of w^{ch} follows:

[A diploma for the Degree of Doctor of both Laws granted by the University of Senna to Mathew Carew, archdeacon of Norfolk, son of S^r Wimundus Carew, Jan. 6, 1564.]

Feb. 16 (Mon.). Feb. 15, Sunday, at five Clock in the afternoon, borrowed of Mr. Fysher, Fellow of Oriel Coll., a Paper written by the 40th hand (as he said) of the late Mr. Davenant, Fellow of their College, indorsed thus: *De Domo Congregationis; Cópia C. ix 9; de domo Congregationis juxta ecclesiam B. Marie:*

Feb. 14, 1733. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 274). Desires H. to transcribe a charter in the *Monasticon* about St. Catherine's Priory at Lincoln.

Feb. 16, 1736. Thomas Allen to H. (Rawl. 1. 19). Desires two copies

Memorandum quod circa annum Domini 1320 dominus Adam de Brom, rector ecclesiae B. Mariae Oxonie, incepit aedificare unam domum in fundo suo, viz. in coemeterio dictae ecclesiae, contiguam campanili ejusdem ecclesiae, sumptibus Thomae de Cobham episcopi Wigorniensis; ac circa annum 1327 obiit idem episcopus, dicta domo nondum perfecta. Intentio vero dicti domini episcopi fuit ista, quod fieret ibi una domus inferior cum camera supra illam, ut in domo inferiori Universitas Oxonie teneret quando vellet sua congregaciones & consilia, caeteris autem temporibus in usum cederet rectoris & parochianorum ecclesiae praedictae. Ad cameram superiorem proposuit
 10 emere certos redditus & eos dicto rectori & suis successoribus appropriare pro perpetuo, pro quibus ipsi essent contenti invenire duos capellanos in perpetuum singulis diebus divina celebraturos in dicta camera pro anima dicti domini episcopi &c., ac quod tunc certi libri debent catenari in eadem camera, ad quos scolares dictae Universitatis haberent accessum certis temporibus sub certa forma, sicut patet infra; et quod predictus Rector & successores sui onerarent capellanos in sua conduccione ad divina ibidem celebranda pro animabus predictis, & quod nullus intraret dictam cameram ad librum ibidem evolvendum nisi per alterum dictorum capellanorum, quorum alter singulis
 20 diebus ante prandium per certum tempus & alter per certum tempus post prandium ipsam cameram teneret apertam, ut scolares ingrederentur ad studendum in libris predictis, & quod alter eorundem capellanorum singulos ingredientes supervideret, quod nullus intraret cum pannis madidis nec cum penna & incausto neque cum cultello, sed si quid vellet reportare de aliquo libro tum tabulas cum stilo secum afferret¹ & sic scriberet. At intentione sua nondum repleta obiit episcopus, ut predictur, & in testamento suo legavit 350
 30 marcas & libros, ut per ejus executores ad finem deduceretur sua intentio. At executores prae se ferebant Adae de Brom, urgenti ut pecunias praedictas reciperet & impenderet in complenda intentione praedicta, se tantum solvisse in funeralibus & debitis dicti episcopi ac aliis necessariis prout illos oportebat,
 40 quod nihil remansit eis ultra de bonis illius, adeo ut coacti sint impignorare dictos libros qui fuissent catenandi in dicta camera pro 50 libris quos, si vellet, redimerent pro summa predicta in usum sui collegii; quo sibi concesso, dictus dominus Adam solvit pro eis 50 libras argenti & adduxit eos Oxoniam in dictum collegium; quibus gaudebant scolares ejusdem in pace per totam vitam ipsius domini Adae & quatuor annis post mortem ejusdem, usquedum magister Iohannes de Reigham commissarius Cancellarii Universitatis Oxonie & magister Iohannes de Reigham² procurator Universitatis cum alia multitudine magna de Universitate circa annum domini 1337 insurrexerunt contra paucos socios dicti collegii, qui fuerunt domi, & dictos libros abstulerunt a dicto collegio, non
 50 audentibus illis tantae multitudini resistere, nec etiam tantam injuriam querelare, & sic sine alio titulo Universitatis habuerunt libros predictos in duobus cistis reclusis, & dictum collegium tam libris quam pecunia pro eis soluta nequiter defraudatur. Cameram vero predictam, postquam ipsa fuerat aedificata, fecit dictus dominus Adam praepositus & socii dicti collegii, rectores dictae ecclesiae, firmiter serari cum duobus seris, quarum claves permanserunt penes dictum collegium & sic ad dictam cameram praepositus, socii & eorum ministri & nulli alii habuerunt ingressum & egressum liberum cum volebant; unde magister Willelmus de Daventre, nunc praepositus dicti collegii 28 annis jam elapsis,

of *Trokelow*; sends a message to the Bursar of Univ. Coll. that a bag of hops was sent to him in November last.

¹ MS. : afferet.

² The same man could not be proctor and commissary. There must be some mistake.—Ed.

quando fuit procurator reddituum ipsius collegii emit multum meremium & tabulas quamplures, quas tunc temporis posuit in camera praedicta quorum aliqua fuerunt post assumpta per dictum collegium ad suos usus & aliqua jacent adhuc in ipsa camera, quae valent 60 solidos ad minus, nisi fuerint pejorata vel diminuta postquam Cancellarius Oxonie & regentes in Artibus fregerant ostium camerae supradictae. Ex praemissis patet quod Universitas Oxoniae nunquam habuit usum dictae camerae, nec fuit intentio dicti episcopi quod Universitas unquam habuisset usum illius camerae, sed tamen rector & dicti capellani sub eis habuissent custodiam tam camerae quam librorum & scolares ingressum ad eosdem libros, si dicta cantaria fuisset perfecta, ¹⁰ & dicti libri fuissent ibidem cathenati, sicut est praedictum. En quam injuste detinet Universitas, ut videtur, libros praedictos & quantam injuriam Cancellarius Oxonie & regentes predicti intulerunt noviter dicto collegio & sociis ejusdem per fracturam ostii dictae camerae & ablationem serarum ejusdem ac ingressum in dictam cameram, praeter & contra voluntatem & assensum dicti collegii, praeter contumelias & opprobria, quae sociis dicti collegii tam in judicio quam extra fecerunt & praeter alia gravamina multo plura ut in aliis bullis & cedulis plane liquet.

Memorandum. I restored the said Paper to Mr. Fysher the very same day, viz. at night, being Sunday, Feb. 15.

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Feb. 17 (Tu.). Mr. James Sotheby wrote me word from London, Dec. 27, 1715, that he had consulted Robert of Gloucester in the Cott. Library & returned what follows to my Enquiry. Where Anthony à Wood had his fragment of the Conflict, he could not say; in the Cotton it is not. Ending the reign of King John, he found it thus—

In y^e yer of grace he deide tuelf hundred & sixtene
And seventene yer he was king & fif monthes, ich wene,
And fif dawes Mani Man longe i wis.
At Wircetre in y^e Munstre, vaur iburied he is.

In mediately follows—

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Henri was king imad aftre his fader Jon.
A sent Simondes day & sent Jude, at Glocestre anon.
Nye 3er old he was.

Including 'Henri was king imad' (and the last line he writ down in his preceding Letter, as he observed), the whole of which is only the life of this Prince (& yet fol. 63 is entirely wanting, containing by a Medium 76 lines and notwithstanding its being imperfect, as he had before noted), it contains exactly Fourteen hundred eighty eight verses. Mr. Sotheby infered upon the whole ours in Bodley to be an Abstract & more modern. *I find* (says Mr. Sotheby) *by your Letter that it is a note of Mr. Thomas* ⁴⁰ *Cotton's; you may say* (continues Mr. Sotheby) *S^r Thomas's; he was son & heir of S^r Robert, Bart., the Founder.*

Feb. 18 (Wed.). Mr. Sotheby at the same time told me that, upon Mr. Bagford's desire, he had carefully surveyed those Bricks (Mr. Bagford had given me notice of in his Letter) & that tho' odd, yet he did not think

Feb. 17, 1722. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 267). Sends eight copies of *Trokeloave* for distribution.

them to be so much depended upon. As he took it, they were about Hen. VIII's time, except 2 or 3 fragments like Roman. If I thought it worth while, he said he could send the dimensions in his next. Whether he did or not, I do not remember.

The said Mr. Sotheby (who was of the University of Cambridge) is a very ingenious man & formerly spent his time very laudably and industriously in antiquities, but he is since grown a meer sot & is (as it were) mopish. He hath a good Estate and is (I think) a single man.

Thomas Key, in his *Vindiciae*, p. 540, mentions Jo. Drum. Quære, 10 whether the same with Michael Drum, mentioned by Mr. Wood in his *Fasti*, as incorporated at Oxford, and yet I do not know whether either John Drum or Michael Drum were graduated at Cambridge.

Feb. 20 (Fri.). Williams, Archbishop of York's Library was sold for £382 6s. *od.* with which in the year 1652 were purchased lands to the value of £20 per an. about a mile from Cambridge, twenty marks whereof was for a yearly supply of books, which are most wanting in St. John's Coll. Library. Ask Mr. Baker about this.

Feb. 21 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for Feb. 16, 1733:

There is very lately dead William Phipps, Esq., only son of the late Sir 20 Constantine Phipps, who in 1718 married Catharine (born Jan. 7, 1700), only daughter of James, late Earl of Anglesea (by Lady Catharine Darley, born anno 1681, natural daughter to King James II, who afterwards married the late Duke of Buckingham), and niece to the present Earl, by whom he has two Sons and one Daughter.

There is likewise very lately dead, The Lady Craven, wife to the Rt. Hon. William Lord Craven, of Hamsted Marshal in the county of Berks. and daughter to Frederick Tilney of Rotherwick in the county of Southampton. By this Lady's death a very great Estate falls to the Lord Viscount Castlemain's children.

30 **Feb. 23 (Mon.).** The same Paper also takes notice of the Death of Will. Beauvoix, D.M., Regius Professor of Physick in the University of Oxford, formerly Fellow of Pembroke College and a native of Guernsey. The Paper stiles him 'a Gentleman of great Learning, Humanity and skill in his Profession'. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Pembroke Coll., July 3, 1704, & that of B. and D.M. July 7, 1710.

Feb. 20, 1733. Sir Philip Sydenham to H. (Rawl. 9. 166). The Catalogue of his books is very incorrect, but H. shall have a copy when he returns to London. He is now in the Country at Fryar's Barnet, for his health.

Feb. 21, 1733. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 268). Acknowledges the receipt of 5 guineas. Though Wood's Diary contains, as M. truly observes, matters of great and curious Remark, yet 'tis nothing near so full as the Life which H. is about to print.

Feb. 23, 1733. Rev. Eusebius Isham, at Lamport, to H. (Rawl. 7. 109). Hopes to be in Oxford soon, and will then call for his book. Was lately in London, where he saw Mr. John Murray and Mr. West at an auction in St. Paul's Coffee-house. Thanks for 'the Compliment with relation to the new living I have'.

His successor as Regius Professor is Dr. Woodford, formerly of New College.

Feb. 25 (Wed.). Mr. Francis Taylor, Bursar of Univ. College, having (by virtue of an old, & also another late, order) stopped two of the Junior Fellows of that College's names, by reason they did not pay their battles, wch had been contracted before they were Fellows, within six Weeks after the Quarter was expired, complaint was thereupon made by them to the Master, Mr. Cockman, in the Country, who sent up a scurrilous Letter to Mr. Browne, the Senior Fellow present, to convene Mr. Taylor and make him beg pardon. Accordingly, on Thur. Feb. 5, Mr. Taylor ¹⁰ was before the Society in the Common Room. That part of the Master's Letter relating to this Affair was read, but Mr. Taylor could not have a Copy. Mr. Taylor in his Defence pleaded the order *de Batellis solvendis*. The meeting was adjourned till Thursday, Feb. 19, when they came together again in the Common Room, but Mr. Taylor (though sent for), being ill, was not there.

The Books being in the Lodgings, the Master's Lodgings (notwithstanding the Master's absence) were broke into in the morning about ten, and not only Windows & Shutters broke thro', but the Doors, by the smith, afterwards to let in Mr. Walwyne and the rest. This arduous ²⁰ negotiation held them all Dinner time, tho' they begun at eleven, and the Afternoon was most consumed in looking over Books and Papers in the Master's Study in the Lodgings. What the Result is, or will be, is yet a secret. They pretend the order does not extend to Fellows, as if Fellowships were ever intended as a Privilege to skreen men from paying their just debts, contracted & due before they were Fellows.

Feb. 26 (Thur.). Mr. Roger Holman of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, born March 10, 1671.

Mr. Henry Dodwell's Estate in Ireland is eight hundred libs. per an., as appears fully from a Book of Dr. Swift's lately published. He is ³⁰ written there Esq., and so his Father should have wrote himself.

Mr. William Dodwell, brother of the said Mr. Henry Dodwell, determines this Lent as a member of Trin. Coll.

Feb. 24, 17²⁹/₃₀. **T. Baker to H.** (Rawl. 22. 25). John Herryson took the degree of S.T.P. in 1457; he was previously Doctor of medicine. 'Your printing Mr. Wood's Life puts me in mind of what you said in one of your letters of the late Bp of Peterborough's having additions to his Athen. Oxon., concerning the Welsh Dioceses. Copies of these Additions & Corrections I have from the Bishop. How he came by them I never enquired, but they had been sent to Mr. Wood by Dr. Humphreys, Bp of Bangor, after his book had been printed off; for they refer to the pages or columns in the printed book, & (what is most strange) these Additions & Corrections, as far as I have yet compared 'em are not entred in the new correct edition. They are pretty large & seem to me pretty considerable. . . . It's pity they should be lost, but I leave the fate of 'em to you.'

Feb. 24, 17²⁹/₃₀. **Sam. Mead to H.** (Rawl. 8. 111). Has received the copies of *John de Trokelowe*; wishes to be a subscriber for *Thomae Caii Vindiciae*.

From the Northampton Mercury :

London, Feb. 17. Yesterday, between nine and ten in the Forenoon, came on before the Lord Chief Justice Eyre, in the Court of Common-Pleas at Westminster, the great Tryal between the Right Hon. the Lord Abergavenny, Plaintiff, and Richard Lyddell, Esq., Defendant, for the latter's having had criminal Conversation with the late Wife of the said Nobleman. There were nine Witnesses to prove the Fact; and the Defendant called four Noble Peers to his general Character. The Hearing lasted many Hours and the Jury brought in a Verdict of £10,000 Damages for the Plaintiff.

- 10 NB. The said Mr. Lyddell was formerly Gentleman Commoner of Xt^t Ch., where he had afterwards a Brother, Mr. Charles Lyddell, a Gentleman Commoner also, but at length Bach. of Law and now a Divine. Mr. Richard Lyddell was a pretty man, of a sweet modest Temper and well beloved, so that all are sorry for him. He was never married. The Fact was plain, the Lady and he being found in bed together. She was a very fine Woman, and died soon after the Discovery.

- Feb. 27 (Fri.). Dr. Bradshaw preached on the 30th Jan. last before the House of Lords. His Sermon is printed. He speaks of the Act of that day as a very great piece of wickedness, & so indeed do now all
20 that are for the present Government, more out of fear that the Life of an Usurper should be taken away, than out of detestation of the murder of that most just and good hereditary Prince. His Sermon is clumsy, and yet as bad as 'tis, some say 'twas done by some one else, viz. one Allen, student of Xt^t Church, and that Bradshaw cannot make any tolerable Sermon. At the conclusion he speaks mightily for the Duke and Dutchess of Brunswick.

Feb. 28 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Feb. 23, 1738:

- 30 There is very lately dead The Rev. Thomas Bray, Minister of St. Botolph Aldgate, in the 73rd year of his Age. He had been for several years an indefatigable Promoter of many excellent Designs for the service of Religion and the Publick Good. About 30 years ago he was employed by Dr. Compton, late Bishop of London, as his Lordship's Commissary in Maryland, where he obtained several Acts of the Government for supporting the Clergy and Schools in that Province, which subsist to this Day. At his return from that Service he formed the Design and was the principal Solicitor for procuring the Charter of the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts. He contrived, and by the assistance of his Friends founded in Great Britain and the Plantations above 150 Parochial Libraries from £10 to £50 value, those in South-Britain being secured to Posterity by an Act of Parliament passed

Feb. 28, 1738. H. to Rev. Thomas Carte (Carte MS. 227. 184). Acknowledges the receipt of two guineas, of which one is from the Marquis d'Aubais for a copy of *Avesbury*, the other is a subscription for *Thomae Caii Vindiciae*. Points out that the Hymns of Bernardus Andreas were printed at Paris in 1517.

Feb. 28, 1738. S. Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 4. 84). Would have written before, but has been greatly hurried by a troublesome suit. Wishes to subscribe for *Thomae Caii Vindiciae*.

Feb. 28, 1738. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 41). Thanks for 'your Folio Ed. of the Proceedings against Mr. Wood'. Desires a list of all R.'s works.

for that purpose in the year 1708. To say no more, he was a most compassionate solicitor in behalf of poor Prisoners, particularly those at White-chapel and the Marshalsea, where the Prisoners, being very numerous and exposed to great Hardships, had for some years past a plentiful Dinner provided once a Week, at the expense of several charitable Persons, by the Doctor's Instigation, till the late Act for relieving all the Gaols in the Kingdom set them at Liberty.

Mar. 1 (Sun.). On Friday last died Mr. Gilman, an old bookseller in the Gravel Walk (near Magd. Coll.) in St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxford, commonly (from his vain weak Temper) called *Vanity Gilman*. 10
[Buried tonight in St. Peter's churchyard.]

Dr. Rawlinson tells me (in a Letter from London the 24th inst.) that Dr. Kennett's Life is published by one who will not be known. The Preface tells us the Dr. had seen some part of it in his lifetime and approved it. It is a perfect Invective against Dr. Hicckes, Jacobitism, and even poor Toryism comes in for its share. The most usefull part is the Catalogue of his Works. Mrs. Campion's Epitaph in Latimers Church, Bucks., is not amongst them, tho' he has been more than once charged strongly on that head and has not had face enough to deny it.

Mar. 2 (Mon.). The Judges for Lent Assize, Mr. Justice Denton and 20 Mr. Justice Reynolds, came to Oxford on Saturday last. Yesterday they were in the morning at St. Marie's Church, and in the afternoon at St. Peters in the East. Mr. Woodson (a young Gentleman M.A. of Magd. Coll. who is usher to Mr. Hiley, the Schoolmaster of Reading) was appointed to preach the Assize Sermon, w^{ch} was to have been as this day in the morning at St. Marie's, but the Judges desired of the V.-Chancellour that the same Sermon might be preached yesterday morning, being Sunday, at St. Marie's, pretending Business that would hinder them this Morning. Accordingly, Mr. Woodson preached it at St. Marie's yesterday morning before the Judges. It was a very short 30 one. It is the first Instance (I believe) of the kind that ever happened, that there should be no proper Assize Sermon. For tho' twas calculated for the Assize, yet the proper Auditors, viz. the Grand Jury, &c., not being there, 'tis an Innovation & ought not to be stiled therefore properly an Assize Sermon. There was time enough for one, there being but little Assize Business, & twas observed that the Judges did not go from their Lodgings 'till after xi Clock this Morning, by w^{ch} time the Sermon would have been ended.

c. March 1, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. II. 177). 'My silence hath been too long to admit of any excuse. . . I thank you for *Trokelowe*, which I read with great pleasure. Inclosed is the guinea for it.' Mentions some papers of Colonel Holles of 1646-9, now in his possession. 'I am glad to hear the Life of Antony Wood is different from the Earl of Oxford's Diary, which I have perused. That gives the Cambridge men but a mean opinion of the Oxford Antiquary, as some call him.' [The Letter is undated, but some of the details in it are reproduced in the Diary for March 3.]

March 2, 1733. H. to Mr. Drake, Surgeon, in York (Diaries, 125. 36). In answer to the Letter of Oct. 27, H. advises that Mr. Drake should bring his book into a short compass and should consult the MSS. of Dr. Nathaniel Johnson.

Mar. 3 (Tu.). I am told 'tis surprizing to hear the prices¹ Dr. Robert Gray's books went at. To mention in one particular, the Duke of Somerset's Expedition into Scotland (sold in the last auction of Mr. Thomas Rawlinson's books at 2 Guineas) rose up to £4 5s. *od.* Every thing else was proportionable. Dr. Rawlinson had not time from his own affairs to attend the Auction, and indeed he was afraid of an expensive temptation amidst such a glut of Scottish History, in which I hear that learned Dr. had made good observations, some of which Dr. Rawlinson hopes to recover as to men and books, taken by those who had more
10 leisure and moneys than himself.

Mr. Le Neve's books will be sold probably next Winter. The College of Heralds claim his Genealogical and Historical MSS. from a Clause in his Will, in which he reserved a power of disposal by writing under his own hand, which is found unsigned or unwitnessed. His MSS. relating to Norfolk and Suffolk he has left to the Cathedral Library of Norwich, as it is said, at the instigation of Dr. Tanner. Amongst his Collections are several old Charters by himself preserved on Copper, of *wch* he gave Dr. Rawlinson some, old monastical Seals, Coins, &c., all which will come with several MSS. to sale. This man was, though whimsical, very commu-
20 nicative, industrious, but injudicious, and an Heretick in Morals as well as Religion.

March 4 (Wed.). Dr. Croxall's Sermon on the 30th of Jan. last amuses much. 'Tis full of double Entendres and contradictions. Dr. Trapp's is an invective on the Rebellion and a Panegyrick on the King, but withall a Satyr on the succeeding Royal Family; for he speaks dishonourably both of K. Charles II and K. James II.

On Friday, the 20th of Feb. last, Mr. Anstis began the hearing of his Appeal with respect to a Fellowship of All Souls as Founder's Kinsman, for *wch* he stood last Election. Advocates were Dr. Henchman and
30 Dr. Strahan. They moved they might clear up the point of relation² to Archbishop Chicheley, but this was overruled by the influence of the College over Wake (who, 'tis feared, will prove exceeding partial) and proofs ordered to be brought in, in about a fortnight's time, that he was not disqualified by his Post (*wch* is Register of the Knights of the Bathe) for a Fellowship of All Souls by enjoying an *annua pensio*, *wch* Mr. Anstis's friends seem to think relates not in All Souls Statutes to secular, but Ecclesiastical preferment, and all seems to turn on interpretation. As to the benefit of a fellowship, neither Mr. Anstis nor his father values it, but only to re-establish their right of kindred for futurity, and the College
40 tremble at the view they have of a numerous issue. Let the consequences be what the justice or partiality of Lambeth thinks fit, the work Mr. Anstis's father is now upon in Latin on this head, I am told, will gall [the] College &c. to the quick, & quite confound them.

Mar. 5 (Thur.). Mr. Needham, that published the Geoponicks some years since, collected materials relating to the Presentations of Livings, and entered the several Remarks he had got concerning the persons in whose gifts they were, in a Copy of the *Valor Beneficiorum*. This

¹ MS. : prizes.

² i. e. relationship.—Ed.

Mr. Needham about that time was preparing an edition of *Æschylus* for the Press, but I have heard nothing of it a great while. He had put his MSS. observations in a Copy of Stanley's *Æschylus*. This Stanley (a truly learned man) left behind him a Son, who when very young translated into English Claud. Elianus his *Various Histories*. Quaere if printed.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Mar. 2, 17²⁹/₃₀:

London, Feb. 24. A wager of £50 being laid, that a Poulterer did not walk 100 miles in 27 Hours, he on Thursday morning last, at half an hour after nine, set out in the Upper Quarter of Moorfields to walk the same, and performed it yesterday¹ by eleven minutes after twelve at noon, which was 26 hours 41 minutes, tho' he went to Bed for about two hours in the time.

Mar. 7 (Sat.). Dr. Caius wondered why there were so many differences in the folio Ed. of Bale from the 4^{to}, particularly why he should change some Positions, that were right in the first. That there were some alterations for the worse, I cannot but acknowledge; but then Bale did it because he thought himself more now in the right than before, at least he would fain appear to be so. And even Thomas Key in his *Vindiciæ* observes that those Alterations happened *ne in errore perseveraret*,
p. 140.

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From the Northampton Mercury for Mar. 2, 17²⁹/₃₀:

[An account of an action for breach of promise of marriage, in the King's Bench, Feb. 25, between Miss Holt of Hackney, plaintiff, and Knox Ward, Esq., Clarenceux King of Arms, defendant; verdict for the Plaintiff for £2,000.]

Mar. 8 (Sun.). Yesterday, called upon me Mr. John Poynter of Merton College. He told me he had in his possession Ant. a Wood's Register of the Parish of St. John Bapt. Oxon. This, Mr. Wood drew up and continued to near his Death. 'Tis mentioned by him in his Life.

Mr. Poynter appeared (as he said himself) for Custos Musei Ashm. 30 upon the death of Mr. Whiteside, but Dr. Shippen (upon whom he waited) told him 'twas too late.

Mr. Poynter said, had he been made Custos, he would have given to the Museum his Collection of Curiosities.

Mr. Pointer said he had other Things besides what is published that he intends for the Press as soon as finished.

Mr. Poynter's Tutor was first Mr. Welchman, and upon his leaving the College of Merton, Mr. (now Dr.) John Holland.

Mr. Pointer said he remembered Mr. John Winter of that College, that he was a very ingenious man, almost blind with Study.

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The said Mr. Winter's father was parish Clark of Cookham, near Maidenhead in Berks. He went to School at Bray, Mr. John (now Dr. John) King being Master.

The said Mr. John Winter died a young Master of Arts. He bore a great Character in the Country.

¹ Note by Hearne: 'I suppose it should be *next day*.'

Mar. 9 (Mon.). To Dr. Richard Rawlinson, at London House in Aldersgate Street, London.

Dear Sir,

I know no hurt in changing any opinion for the better, especially when secular Interest is not the motive in it. As for the Juvenile or Puerile Exercise you speak of, Mr. Sam Parker who (with great weakness) advised the putting of those MSS. (contrary to Mr. Cherry's Design, for he intended them for me) in the Bodl. Libr., can tell you more of it than I can. I lent it to Mr. Cherry with a desire that it might be returned or else destroyed.
 10 Neither was done, tho' I afterwards made the same Request also to his widow. Whatever it be, for I have no Copy either of the whole or any part of it (nor indeed ever had any), I revoke every Thing in it, as a boyish Performance not fit to be preserved. The right of this Thing belonged & does still belong to no one but my self, and consequently (notwithstanding it be unjustly detained from me) no one either had or hath a right of disposing but my self. As far as I can learn 'tis 30 years ago since 'twas wrote. What the particulars of it are I cannot tell at such a Distance. Let them be what they will, they must not be looked upon as my present sentiments, or as the result of what I would write now. Tho' I took the Oath of Allegiance, as you and many others did,
 20 but went no farther, yet I much question whether it will appear from this MS. (to which they say my name is subjoined) that I did so. But be the thing what it will, I consign it to the Flames, and protest against its being kept in the Library. I repeat my thanks to you for your hint about Potiphar. 'Tis not material as to what I alledged it for, whether it be Pharaoh or Potiphar. However, I may have a proper opportunity perhaps (for I am always willing to own any mistake) of signifying that it should be rather Potiphar. In the mean time I am sincerely,

Dear Sir, your obliged and most humble servant,
 Tho: Hearne.

30 Edm: Hall,
 Oxford.

Mar. 9, 1729.

NB. I thought not fit to send the said Letter, but what follows instead of it:¹

Sir,

You say *so many of those who pretend to that title* [of a friend] *coming open-mouthed with their boasted MS.* I wish you would let me know their names, I am a stranger to the MS. I am glad you will send me a genuine Catalogue of your Works. 'Tis not material with respect to the point, for w^{ch} 'twas
 40 alledged, whether *Pharaonis* or *Potipheræ* be read. You speak of *some at London, who wish me better to my face than behind my back.* Let me know their names, w^{ch} will be a kind office done to

Your most humble servant,
 Tho: Hearne.

Edm. Hall,
 Oxford.

Mar. 9, 1729.

¹ Hearne adds 'Since which, however, I have thought it proper enough to send it to the Dr, w^{ch} accordingly I did on Friday, March 20, 1729, and altered the date from March 9 to March 20.'

Mar. 10 (Tu.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, March 2, 17²⁹/₃₀:

[An account of the trial of Colonel Chartres for the ravishing of the servant-maid of Miss Anne Bond, his conviction, sentence to death¹, and the forfeiture of his goods, chattels, land and tenements, said to be worth £200,000.]

Mar. 11 (Wed.). Last night Mr. Burton of Corpus X^{ti} Coll. and I spent the evening together.

He told me he had seen my Letter in the Bodl. Library, but kept privately, Mr. Fysher being not satisfied that it belongs to the Library. 10

He had a mind to see it at the importunity and request of Mr. James West, who had wrote to him on that account.

Whether Mr. Burton transcribed any part I know not.

I find they are making as ill an use as they can of it, out of malice.

Yet I believe they will find themselves quite mistaken in what they aim at, which is to sift whether there be any thing in it against the Government that may touch me.

Mar. 12 (Thur.). Remember to ask Mr. Baker whether he hath anywhere found that Mr. Roger Dodsworth, the Antiquary, had received any Education at Cambridge. He was son of Matthew Dodsworth, Esq. 20 (Registrary, as Mr. Wood had heard, of the Church of York), by Eleinor his wife, Daughter of Ralph Sandwith, Esq. He was born on the 24th of July, 1585, at Newton Grange in the parish of St. Oswald, in Ridale in Yorkshire, being the house and possessions of his mother's Father; but whether he was ever educated in any University, Mr. Wood could never learn; see *Fasti Oxon.* vol. ii, col. 14, Ed. 2, where Mr. Wood observes that he was a man of wonderful industry, but less judgment, and that he died in the month of August 1654, and was buried in the Church of Rufford in Lancashire. I have often heard Mr. Whiteside mention his being buried in that Church (we^h Mr. Whiteside used to speak of as 30 a small thing) and of a short Epitaph over him, we^h he promised to get for me but never did, having forgot (I believe) his promise. Notwithstanding what Mr. Wood saith, I take Mr. Dodsworth to have been a man of very good Judgment, we^h opinion of mine is confirmed from his MSS. collections, in we^h are oftentimes Latin notes of his, shewing that he could write Latin well upon occasion (what Sr W^m Dugdale & Mr. Wood could not) & that he was accurate in Genealogies.

March 10, 17²⁹/₃₀. Ric. Grosvenor to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 333). Has received Trokelowe's Annals. Asks how the money for it shall be sent.

March 10, 17²⁹/₃₀. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 26) [see Diary, June 7].

March 12, 17²⁹/₃₀. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 18. 46). In answer to H.'s of March 3, states that he is not in orders. Would rather receive no encomium in the forthcoming work nor have his letters quoted, but only what his father wrote.

March 12, 17²⁹/₃₀. Arthur Vansittart, Esq., to H. (Rawl. 11. 2) [see Diary, June 14].

¹ Hearne adds in the margin that he was afterwards pardoned.

Mar. 13 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury, March 2, 1730:

Kingston-upon-Thames, March 4. On Monday last, March 2^d, our sexton with his Son and Daughter, being employed in digging a Grave, part of the ancient Chapel called St. Mary's (which is an old Gothick Building, where formerly the South-Saxon Kings used to be crowned, six of whose Pictures, together with King John's, whose Coronation solemnity was there performed, are still remaining on the Walls, tho' tis at least 1,300 years old) fell in upon them, killed the Sexton and one Man upon the Spot, bruised and wounded several others and buried in the Grave both the Son and Daughter for above
 10 three Hours, during which time many were employed in digging out the rubbish, in order to get at the Bodies that were buried. After the removal of the timber and several Loads of Rubbish they heard very plainly some loud Groans and Cries in the Grave; soon after they came to the heads of two Persons; the man was speechless and almost dead, having his head closely confined between two Stones; the Woman was not so much pressed, but being immediately taken care of by Dr. Cranmer, they are both in a fair way of Recovery. This Church and Chapel has [been] for many years wanting rebuilding. The Damage, besides the lives already lost, is computed at above £1,000.

20 **Mar. 14 (Sat.).** On Thursday last, March 12, called upon me John Strachey of Sutton Court near Bristol, Esq. Tho' he had been formerly Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, to w^{ch} place (at his leaving it) in 1689 he gave a Silver Tankard, yet I had never seen him before, or had had any Correspondence with him.

He is a Gentleman that delights in Antiquities, and hath made many observations relating to the Religious Houses in Somersetshire, w^{ch} he promised to communicate to me.

He told me that East Brent in that County was a Cell to Glastonbury, and he thought 'twas for a Prior and 12 Monks. He said several of the
 30 Monks were buried there, and that he had seen Busts of some of them, which Busts had been in the Chappell, w^{ch} is now destroyed. It seems Dr. Westover, of Blackford in Wedmore parish, bought several (it may be half a douzen) of them in order to place in his Garden. The said Dr. Westover kept an House for curing mad people.

He observed that the Preceptory of Sisters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, w^{ch} was at Buckland (and was the only Preceptory of that kind in England) is confounded in the Monasticon with the Cistercian Priory of Buckland in Devonshire. He said this Buckland in Somersetshire was lately the seat of the Lord Hawley, and is now the seat of James Baker
 40 Esq. It is called *Buckland Sororum*, and at a distance (perhaps of six or 7 miles) is a manour called *Buckland Sororum*, w^{ch} formerly belonged to the Preceptory and was lately one of the Manours of Sr Cobleston Banfield.

Mar. 15 (Sun.). Also on Thursday last, called upon me in the afternoon, and we spent the Evening together, Francis Canning, of Foxcote in Warwickshire, Esq., a Gentleman whom I had never seen before.

March 14, 1730. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 42; Diaries, 125. 107) [see Diary, April 29].

Mr. Canning is a worthy man and a Roman Catholick and is near, if not quite, threescore years of age.

He told me Mr. Parkinson is dead, but he knows not whether he died in England or beyond Sea, he believes the latter. He hath been dead about a year.

He said, Sr W^m Dugdale hath committed great mistakes in his Antiquities of Warwickshire with regard to the Cannings. Which mistakes (it seems) will be corrected in the new Edition.

The River Thames made navigable to Oxford in the reign of K. James I, Dr. King, dean of X^t Ch. being Vice-Chancellour. *Twyne's 10 Apol.* p. 93.

Mar. 16 (Mon.). On Friday last Mr. James West met with a seal, St. Giles in his Abbatial habit, under him a Deer, round it *Sigillum Jurisdictionis Parve Malvernæ*.

Mr. West lately purchased a most curious illuminated set of Saxton's Maps. In the second Page are the Arms of his Patrons & Encouragers, among the other great men are the Arms of T. Sekford, and on every Map are his Arms depicted with *Industria Naturam ornat* for a motto. So that 'tis supposed by Mr. West that this was the book Mr. Saxton presented to him. Quære who this T. Sekford was. 20

I have heard some knowing men say that the Copies of Saxton's maps that are not coloured are preferable to such as are coloured.

At last I hear Drake's Edition of M. Parker's *Antiquitates* is published. Whether it will answer the Expectations of its delay, I cannot say.

On Friday last Mr. West had a Present of the finest Copy of Rastell & Holinshed he ever saw.

Quære whether there be a copy of Rastell at Cambridge.

Mar. 17 (Tu.). Mr. Fysher of Oriel College was originally of X^t Ch., where he had been also a Schoolboy, Mr. Hutchinson, Master of X^t Ch. School having been his Schoolmaster. 30

Mr. Hawkins, a Taylor of St. Clements near Oxford (who is a pretender to History), was born anno 1685.

Dr. Rawlinson informs me that in a short time he will send me a Pamphlet of some proceedings in Spain in the time of that [*sic*] Prince's Courtship, as also that he will lend me a MS. wrote by one Charles Moreton, a dissenting Teacher, who kept a private Academy at Newington. It is against our Stamford Oath, and the Dr. saith worth my perusal.

At the same time he said the Title of my Letter about the Oath of Allegiance is handed about in London and that the first news of that MS. came from Mr. West, who was pleased to tell the Dr. he had ordered 40 a Copy, which he doubted not soon to receive with much satisfaction. If this be so, perhaps he employs Mr. Burton. Yet Mr. Fysher told me,

March 16, 17²⁸/₃₀. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 88) [*see* Diary, March 22]

March 17, 17²⁸/₃₀. H. to Walter Pryse, Esq., at Hurst, near Reading (Rawl. 27 C. 113; *draft*). Had received on Nov. 13 last a letter from him dated Oct. 29. Thanks for what he writes about Dr. Fullerton, but has heard nothing from the Doctor since. 'I did not see Mr. Mackensie, who you said was the Bearer of your Letter.'

more than once, no such thing should be done, the MS. being not really the Library's. The Dr's Letter dated March 11, 1728.

Mar. 18 (Wed.). Enquire about Esq. Hanger, who lived at Canon house, at Bray-Wick in Berks., anno 1711.

My father, George Hearne, wrote me word from White-Waltham on Jan. 20, 171 $\frac{1}{2}$, that he had lately found almost a whole Tile in Berry Grove, of the old Building. They have been Pan Tiles, to hang on monstrous great laths, being of great Breadth and thickness. Weycock and Feens building was the same, as appears by the fragments.

10 At the same time he told me that Farmer Young thought, if my father could go to Cluah near Windsor, he might (by the favour of one Mr. Buttler, a farmer) have a sight of some old coins and other Things, which were digged out of the Earth, if he had not done them away. But my father having the Sciatica could not go.

Mar. 19 (Thur.). My father at the same time told me that he had received (for w^{ch} he again thanked me) my vi vol. of Leland's Itin., and was much satisfied that it was a Thing very acceptable to all ingenious lovers of Antiquity and their Country.

He said, if he were able to go about, he would give me some notice of
20 what he could gather about old Businesses, and particularly a description of Caesar's Camp, which he never was at, tho' 'twas so nigh (Little Field Green, where he lived) in the Heath, w^{ch} he believed would be worth noting.

Mednam Abbey (as they call it) he never saw but once, a long time before.

Yesterday Mr. Pointer of Merton Coll. shewed me the Register that Ant. à Wood drew up of St. John Baptist's parish, in w^{ch} (at the beginning) is a particular account of the bounds of the parish.

Mr. Pointer was the person that read the Office at Ant. Wood's
30 Funeral.

In the Register 'tis said Ant. à Wood died about 4 Clock in the morning on Nov. 29, 1694, & that he was buried in Merton Coll. outer Chappell close to the wall, next the north door, the next day, being Nov. 30. It is a mistake. It should be he died Nov. 28 and was buried on Nov. 30.

Mrs. Anne Luffe, daughter of Dr. Luffe, was married to Henry Bull (of Shapwick in com. Som.), Commoner of Magd. Hall, on Jan. 24, 1692, she being not quite 17 years old. They were married in Magd. Coll. Chappel. He died Aug. 8, 1695. She was a wonderful fine Woman;
40 and was, after Mr. Bull's death, married to Dr. Edw. Hannes of X^t Ch., an eminent Physician, who used her most barbarously, w^{ch} shortened her life.

Mar. 20 (Fri.). Mr. Loveday last night lent me *Observations on the different Strata of Earths and Minerals, more particularly of such as are found in the Coal-Mines of Great Britain*; by John Strachey, Esq., F.R.S., London 1727, 4^o; price one shilling.

He is the same Strachey I have mentioned above. It shews him to be an ingenious man and of good skill in Affairs of this kind.

March 21 (Sat.). On Sunday last (being March 15) died in Childbed at London, the eldest daughter of Dr. John Potter, B^p of Oxford, a most beautifull Young Woman (of but 18 years old, as I am told, last November) who was married to one Dr. Tennison, a jolly young man, not a twelve month since.

From Ant. à Wood's Register of St. John Baptist's parish:

George, natural son of K. Charles II, baptized Jan. 1, 1665, privately, begotten on the body of Barbara Villiers. He was born in a Fellow's Chamber in Merton Coll. on Dec. 28 preceding.

Robert Lydall, son of Dr. Lydall, baptized Nov. 27, 1678, borne Nov. 17. 10
He is now Fellow of Magd. Coll.

Mary Luffe, daughter of Dr. John Luffe and Dame Anne his wife, borne July 19, 1679. She was afterwards baptized in this parish. She now lives generally at Forresthill, with her Paramour Dr. Martin, a Physician, Fellow of Merton College.

Anne Luffe baptized March 9, 1675.

John, son of Joseph Day, baptized Dec. 21, 1691.

Jane Hearne, daughter of Edmund Hearne, sometime curat of Garzington, died Aug. 24, 1647, buried in Merton churchyard. He died of the Plague. 20

Lady Bridget Clayton buried in the said Church, Dec. 14, 1687, in linnen. Sr Thomas Clayton, her husband, died Oct. 4, 1693, & was buried Oct. 8 near his Lady.

Feb. 8, 1693, the great Bell at Merton rang out for Mr. John Winter, iately Fellow of Merton College. He died at his Benefice in Leycestershire.

Aug. 10, 1694, John Whitfield, M.A., Fellow of Merton, died, buried the 14th under the Pulpit.

Dr. John Luffe died Sept. 7, 1698, buried Sept. 9 in Merton College Chappell.

W^m Hacket, son of Sr Rob. Hacket, kt., died Nov. 17, 1708, buried Nov. 19. 30

March 22 (Sun.). Beaupré Bell, Esq., M.A. of Trin. Coll. in Cambridge, tells me in a Letter from London of the 16th that he does not remember that he hath any thing that illustrates the Antiquities of Oxford and Cambridge, I am now upon, unless I should happen in my Appendix (w^{ch} is what I do not design) to insert a List of the Chancellors of Cambridge, and then perhaps the Speech, made by Dr. Spencer to the Duke of Monmouth at his Instalment, might not be unacceptable. It is written with a good deal of Spirit and remarkable on account of the Treatment that unfortunate Gentleman afterwards met with from their University. 40

March 23 (Mon.). Thomas Ward, Esq., in his letter from Warwick of May 3, 1729, tells me that Rich. Beauchamp's will (that he sent me and w^{ch} I afterwards printed at the end of *Vita Ricardi II*) was taken from a Copy (of Mr. H. Wanley's, as he remembered) then in the hands of Mr. James Fish of Warwick, surveyor; who has several valuable Papers. Mr. Ward indeed did not transcribe it himself, so could not answer for the Exactness; but after I had printed it, he compared it and sent me all

even the very minutest variations; and these I have printed at the end of Trokelowe's Annals of Edw. II, &c.

March 24 (Tu.). Dr. Dixon Coleby, a Physician, formerly of Merton College, now a practitioner of his Faculty at Stamford in Lincolnshire, said yesterday at Merton College (as Mr. Pointer told me yesterday in the afternoon) that one Mr. Wylde, a Gentleman Commoner, going by St. John Baptist's church in Nov. 1695, Mr. Ant. à Wood being in the Church and a grave digging, Mr. Wylde asked Mr. Wood who 'twas for. For myself, replies Mr. Wood; the nature of my distemper being such, 10 viz. the Strangury, that I can live but a very little while. How true this may be, I cannot say, but I have very often heard from persons of good credit that Mr. Wood in that distemper walked to the place where he designed to be buried, pointed to it, and gave directions about digging the Grave, & some have added that he saw part, if not all, of the grave dug himself.

[Extracts from a Collection of Tracts on Predestination by John Plaifere, B.D., printed in 8^{vo} at Cambridge Univ. Press in 1719.]

Remember to ask Mr. Baker about this Plaifere.

March 25 (Wed.). Last Sunday died Mr. Chipps, a mason of 20 St. Aldate's parish, Oxford, and was buried there last night. He was one of the chief undertakers for the building of St. Peter's church in the Bailly, and having trusted a great deal of money out on that account & it being not returned (nor like to be in hast) it much affected him. He was upwards of 60 years of age.

March 27 (Good Friday). On Thursday, March 5, 1729, Mr. Loveday, of Magd. Coll. Oxon. lent me *A Mapp of Land belonging to Feens House in the Parrish of White Waltham, in the County of Berks., cont. 365 acres, 3 roods, 13 perches; surveyed by Wil. Mar, 1689.*

The said Mapp is well done. The Particulars are (1) New Orchard 30 or The Garden [on the East Side of the House] 2 A. 3 R. 30 P. (2) Barne [25 perches distant northwards from the House, 36 perches long and 9 perches broad] 1 A. 2 R. 10 P. (3) Beech Rowe and Ground [northwards from the Barne] 5 A. 2 R. (4) The Grove 3 A. 3 R. 35 P.; Orchard and Garden [all three west from the House] 2 A.; House, the Scite of the House and Stable Yards 2 A. 22 P. [These stableyards lye E. and N. from the House.] (5) Feene Greene [on the East of the Barne and Beech Rowe and Ground] 6 A. 3 R. (6) The Coppice [on the north side of Feens Green] 7 A. 1 R. 12 P. (7) The Walke [on the south side of Feen's Green] 1 A. 3 R. 22 P. (8) The Hocket [on the south side of 40 the Walk, just at the beginning thereof next the Thicket] 3 R. 30 P. (9) the Pitle [on the south side of the walk and westwards from the Hocket] 7 A. 3 R. (10) Bogget Feild [south of the Pitle & the Hocket, tho' a good deal of ground between that and the Hocket is not part of Feens] 39 A. 30 P. (11) Home Feild [south of The Grove, Orchards, House &c.] 25 A. 1 R. 10 P. (12) Little Ramsey [south west at a great

March 26, 1730. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 43) [see Diary, April 11].

distance from the House] 7 A. 2 R. (13) Great Ramsly [read Ramsey] 29 A. 2 R. 20 P. [on the E. and S. East of Little Ramsey. (14) Feenes Feild 52 A. 1 R. 4 P. [south and south-west of Home Feild]. (15) New Pasture 31 A. 20 P. [on the south of Bogget Feild]. (16) Upper Grounds [wch are here marked with D.; the first wch is on the south of Feenes Feild and New Pasture is] 23 A. 2 R., [the second wch is on the East of the first and on the south of New Pasture is] 22 A. 1 R. 20 P., [then there is] Berry Northcot [wch is on the east of the 2^d upper Ground and is] 11 A. 2 R., [also] Sayers Ground [at some distance East from Bogget Feild] 13 A. 10 P., [in wch Ground is a little Slip distinguished in the 10 Map with points, being on the west side of the Ground, cont.] 1 A. 3 P.; [likewise on the west side of Feenes Feild is] Redcot cont. 30 A. 2 R. 10 P.; [then at a good distance west from the Grove is] Rydens 14 A. 3 R. 20 P.

March 31 (Tu.). Thomas Willis, son of Mr. Thomas Willis, a Physician, and Mary his wife, was born Jan. 26, 1657; from the Register of Merton Parish Church. Quaere whether not father to Brown Willis.

Anne, daughter of James Clayton, Esq., baptized as soon as borne, Ap. 14, 1680, about one or two in the morning. It died the same day. The 20 said James Clayton was son of S^r Thomas Clayton.

M^{rs}. Anne Luffe above mentioned was borne in the house of M^r. Rob. à Wood.

June 27, 1706, M^r. Edm. Perkes of Corp. Xth Coll. was buried at Corpus, wch Coll. is in St. John Baptist's parish & formerly they used to register such as died of that College in the parish Register, tho' 'tis since discontinued.

June 24, 1709, Dr. Edm. Marten, Warden of Merton College, buried. He hath no monument, desiring himself not to have any.

April 1 (Wed.). Feb. 26, 1709, M^{rs}. Hester Luffe buried at Merton 30

March 28, 1730. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 3. 145). H.'s letter should have been sent by the *Cross* or *Abington* Post, whereas it went by way of London and cost postage 7d. Will pay for the binding of Trokelowe when he has a convenient opportunity. [See Diary, April 2.]

March 30, 1730. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 382). 'My deare Loving son in Law, I reseeded your present you sent to me and I Giue you Thanks For your Comfortabell gift to me and deare Child. I am very lame and helples, and I am with my son in Law, Thomas Carter, Liuing in Wargrave parrish, four mild [*sic*] of White Waltham. So no more att present, but my dayly prayers for your helth and goodness to me. I remain, your ever Louing mother in Law, Jane Hearne.'

March 30, 1730. H. to John Anstis (Diaries, 125. 70). Dr. Gale's edition of Hemingford ends with Henry III. This MS. cannot now be found, so that it is not known how far it went. H. would like to know how far the MS. at the Heralds' Office goes in the reign of Ed. I. The Prologue says the history came but to the year 1300; but as we have the *Chronica* of Hemingford for Edw. III in MS., it is probable that Hemingford also covered the years 1300-1327. H. asks where A. obtained the MS. of the Diary of Anthony Wood which is now in Lord Oxford's Library.

April 1, 1730. H. to Rev. F. Peck (Rawl. 9. 9, draft). The widow

College. This was another of the Daughters of Dr. Luffe, younger several years than Madam Bull. She was a most charming sweet creature, and admired by all that saw her, and 'tis pity she had not a Fortune equal to her Beauty. A very fine beautifull young Nobleman of X^t Church addressed himself to her, being perfectly in Love with her, and very frequently in her Company, and 'twas said there was a Contract, but he fell off, perhaps by the contrivance of his friends, and went a travelling, w^{ch} so affected her (for she doated upon him) that she soon decayed & languished away. When she lived with her father in St. Peter's in the
 10 East (the House where they lived being afterwards from thence, & is to this day, stiled Luffe Hall) St. Peter's Church used to be thronged with young Gentlemen, when she was there. One day, when she was coming from the said Church, it being a very slippery season, in Queen's Coll. lane she happened to fall down, & her Coats flying up, discovered what pleased the young Gentlemen, who used to be very merry upon it, but very much abashed the young Lady, who had always the Character of a very modest Virtuous person. I remember once a Gentleman of Wealth and Fortune, & of a good character in other respects, told the Company where I happened to be, that as he that day came down
 20 Heddington Hill, he met M^{rs}. Hester Luffe and that he had a full view of her, & believed her to be the prettiest Woman and most complete Beauty (of w^{ch} he was a great Judge, being very amorous) that ever he saw in his life.

Dr. Creed of Corpus X^{ti} was buried at Corpus, May 19, 1711.

M^{rs}. Mary Holland, mother of Dr. John Holland, Warden of Merton College, was buried in St. John Baptist's church de Merton, Ap. 12, 1711. She died in the College, and had the Character of a good, quiet Woman.

Aug. 26, 1712, M^r. Heyman (chaplain of Merton) was buried in Merton Church. I have formerly mentioned him & how he came by his
 30 death.

Aug. 14, 1713, Robert Tompson, M.D., F.R.S., formerly of Merton College, was buried there. He was an ingenious man and had many Coins.

1717, Feb. 12, M^{rs}. Hannah Luffe was buried there. She was another of the daughters of Dr. Luffe, and was (as 'twas said) wife of young Dr. Bouchier, tho' 'twas kept private because of his being Fellow of All Souls College.

1699, Ap. 22, James Badger, son of M^r. James Badger the school-master, was baptized at Merton Coll. church.

40 1698, Oct. 6, Timothy Child & Mary Crosley were married there. The said M^r. Tim. Child was a conceited bookseller of London. Mary Crosley was the daughter of old M^r. John Crosley, an Oxford bookseller.

Fletcher is executrix of Stephen Fletcher [*see* Letter, Jan. 26]. She has sold two copies; will return the money and the other three copies 'to any one you shall order. If you have a mind to subscribe to anything of mine you may take care to have somebody do it for you in time, but as for my taking the trouble upon me about your books, you will be pleased to excuse me from it, and instead of writing on that score to me, you may direct to the Widow Fletcher her self, who is a Bookseller near St. Marie's Church in Oxford.'

1704, June 4, Rob. Hyrons & Mary Leech were married there by Mr. Hayman. They are of St. Peter's in the East. Mr. Hyrons is a baker.

1708, June, Richard Green and Mary Smith were married there. They live in St. Peter's in the East. He is a Printer.

Oct. 9, 1719. Jer. Bishop of Godstow & Eliz. Saunders of Cassington were married there by Mr. Breton.

April 2 (Thur.). Yesterday I had a letter from my Friend Mr. W^m Broome of Ewithington, of the 28th of last month, in which he tells me that the Week before there died at Fownehope, 4 miles from Hereford, 10 our good friend Mr. Patrick Gordon, one of the worthiest and most learned men belonging to the Ch. of Hereford. Mr. Broome says he always enquired very kindly after me.

The said Mr. Gordon was certainly a very learned man. He had been Professor of Hebrew and Humanity at Aberdeen. At the Revolution he was one of the ejected Scottish Episcopal Clergy. Thence he came into England, and was made master of the Free School at Bray near Maidenhead in Berks., where he was after the year 1690 (it was about the beginning of 1693) the very first Master I had for the Latin Tongue, for I learned my accidence of him. After some time, leaving the School 20 (being succeeded by Mr. James Gibson, who was my second Master & was so 'till I came to the University) he was preferred in Herefordshire, & was one of the Prebendaries of Hereford. He married in the said County of Hereford, but I think had no Children. I know not whether he ever published any thing, but I remember when *the Scotch Presbyterian Eloquence* came out, when I was a boy, some said they believed him to be the Author. He was a man that had a very great Affection for me when he was my master, as had also my second master, particularly for my diligence and promptness, which they both admired, & would often say that I needed no spur, and indeed (if I may be allowed to note this) I was 30 never whipped by either of them, notwithstanding they were both severe enough to such as deserved correction.

April 3 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, March 30, 1730:—

On Tuesday last, March 24, in the Afternoon, came on (at his House in Chelsea) before the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Winchester (as Visitor) assisted by Dr. Sayer and Dr. Wood (his Chancellors) the hearing of the Appeal of the Rev. Mr. Ayscough against Corpus Christi College, Oxford, for expelling him from his Fellowship in the said College some months since, without assigning (either then or since) any Cause whatsoever. The Council for Mr. Ayscough 40 were Dr. Andrews and Dr. Paul, and for the College, Dr. Henchman and Dr. Strahan. The College pretended that they were accountable to no Body for their Conduct, for that the Right was in them, and the Bishop had no Visitatorial Power over them; but that was soon over-ruled, many Precedents being produced to the contrary; and after a Hearing of about three Hours, the Bishop decreed that the College should restore Mr. Ayscough to his

April 2, 1730. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 27). Sends Bishop Humphreys's papers.

April 2, 1730. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 201) [see Diary, April 6].

Fellowship, with all Profits, &c., from the time of his Expulsion; and that such of the Fellows (not the College) that were concerned in expelling him, should pay all the Costs.

April 4 (Sat.). On the 1st instant (being Wednesday) Mr. Robert Wood, nephew of Ant. Wood, told me that he is 68 years old.

He said he thought his Uncle Anthony had been 66 years old at least, whereas (as I told him) he was not compleat 63. He said (and so have others) that he looked as if he had been fourscore.

He said there is a Paint of Anthony in the hands of Mr. Thomas Wood, a young Gentleman, now of New College, of w^{ch} he is like to be Fellow, son of the late Mr. Thomas Wood, brother to this Mr. Robert Wood. This Picture (he said) is very little like Anthony, being done when he was young, and under is put Ant. à Bosco.

He said he was at London when his said Uncle Ant. died. He said they were burning his Papers two or three days, the Maid constantly tending the Fire, whilst 'twas doing, and 'twas before Ant. died.

He said his (Mr. Robert Wood's) sister had abundance of little Papers and little Books, containing Memorandums, written by Anthony, who used to write down every thing, but that they are now destroyed & lost.

April 5 (Sun.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Mar. 30, 1730:

[The Epitaph on Dr. Altham, archdeacon of Middlesex, who died Feb. 27, 1730, buried at Latton, Essex.]

April 6 (Mon.). On the 2^d instant my L^d. Oxford wrote to me from London, to assist him to answer the following Question, proposed to him by some person, whose name my Lord does not discover.

What are the oldest Rhyming verses that are to be found in our Tongue, viz. either in English, Saxon, or British. The person desires of my Lord an account sure, well-founded, and such as may be depended upon; these are the terms; and from me my L^d. hopes to be enabled to answer this Gentleman's expectations.

Dr. Hickee, in his Saxon Grammar of the fol. Ed., hath an intire Chapter on this Subject, viz. cap. xxiv, & many Specimens, w^{ch} with Robert of Gloucester & Peter Langtoft are the most considerable I know of, but what is the most ancient I cannot really tell. I suppose his Lordship means Bastard Rhyme or Jingle, for as for the true Rhyme, it may be carried I think as high as Caedmon; yet in this I am also uncertain.

April 7 (Tu.). Dr. Rawlinson tells me by Letter from London House, dated March 25 last and brought to me on the 2nd inst. by Mr. John Morgan (Rector of Brightwell near Wallingford), that he returns me thanks for my last letter, in w^{ch} I gave him an account in short of my MS. He observes that in the light it now stands, it reflects no honour to those who have interested themselves in putting this MS. in the library, and made so much stir afterward. He says I have enabled him, if called on, to speak now on this head, and whenever his words or actions may be of service, I need not doubt of his Friendship.

April 9 (Thur.). The four Easter Sermons before the University this year were preached by Mr. Lamprey of Xt Ch. on Good Friday, Mr. Cox of New College at St. Peter's in the East on Easter day, Mr. Brent of Pembroke Coll. on Easter Monday, and Mr. Leaves of Wadham on Easter Tuesday, w^{ch} Mr. Leaves repeated also on April 5, being Lowe Sunday.

Mr. Beaupré Bell of Trin. Coll. Cambridge is a Man of honor, and is Heir to a thousand pound per an. or better, & has a Soul large enough for his fortunes, but his Father is too close handed in his allowance, tho' he has no other son to leave his Estate to.

Mr. Baker tells me the account I sent him (from one of these Volumes) of B^p Williams's Books is pretty exact. The Books when received by the College, such as were wanting were reserved in the Library, such as were Duplicates or imperfect were sold, & with the produce a purchase made of Lands near Cambridge to the value of 20 lbs. per an.; out of which £6 13s. 4d. has been paid annually to the Library Keeper, the rest towards the purchase of Books.

April 10 (Fri.). Mr. Baker hath not observed Mr. Roger Dodsworth to have been of the University of Cambridge. But their publick Register is a Blanck about the time when by his age he might have been admitted — from the year 1589 to the year 1602 — & nothing entered, by the neglect of a careless Registry, one Mr. Smith of St. John's College.

Dr. Needham's Aeschylus goes on slowly. Mr. Baker hath heard nothing of it of late, nor of Mr. Stanley's son's being an Author or Translater. He says the Doctor's other Design about Ecclesiastical Livings is in good measure anticipated by Mr. Willis.

April 11 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Ap. 6, 1730:

On Thursday, March 26 last, at night, part of Reading Bridge at one end fell down, the Piles being rotten, by which Accident two men and a woman fell into the River, and the latter was drowned.

On Tuesday, the 7th instant, Mr. Will. Haward, M.A. of Merton College, was elected Fellow of Magd. Coll. in room of Dr. Grandorge deceased, it being a Yorkshire Fellowship. There was a great struggle on this occasion; but Dr. Butler, the President of Magd. Coll., carryed it by two or three votes for Haward. As there were heart-burnings before in Magd. Coll., so they are now risen much higher.

On the 26th of March last, Roger Gale, Esq., told me by Letter from London that he is too well satisfied that he hath not any MS. of Hemyngford, and what that was which his father mentions as his own, in his preface before what he publisht of him, he is intirely a stranger to,

April 8, 1730. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 43; Diaries, 125. 81). Thanks for the letter of March 25, received April 2. Is glad Rawlinson is satisfied. Has heard nothing of R.'s present of the Pamphlet about Prince Charles, nor of R.'s Stamford MS. Is considering whether it would not be proper at the end of one of his books to say something about the paper unjustly detained at the Bodleian. As it was given under Mrs. Cherry's will, he wishes a copy of the will could be had.

having never seen the book, or found the least account of it in his father's papers. He wishes he could have given me any information in this matter.

April 12 (Sun.). On Wednesday the 8th inst., the Proctors for 1729 laid down their office & those for 1730 took place, viz. Mr. Jo. Andrews of Magd. Coll. and Mr. Tho. Robinson of Mert. Coll.; the same time an Act was voted against.

April 13 (Mon.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Ap. 6, 1730 :

10 On Wednesday morning, Apr. 1 last, dyed suddenly the Rev. Mr. Rayner, A.M., Head Master of a Free School at Tiverton in Devonshire for more than 30 years. He was the Scholar and Favourite of Dr. Busby, and remarkable for an exact knowledge of the Classics and a peculiar Felicity in explaining them. This, together with an inimitable Sweetness of Temper, made him universally beloved in his life time and at his Death makes him as universally lamented, particularly by all who had the Happiness of being bred under him.

April 14 (Tu.). Being told of a Parcel of Antiquities (I think old Coins and Medals) put into the hands of Mr. Powell of Sandford for me to look over, on Friday the 10th inst., I walked to Sandford & called at Mr.
20 Powell's, but he was confined to his Bed by the Gowt; so I saw neither Mr. Powell nor the Antiquities.

On the 10th inst. the Chevalier Ramsey (who wrote a Romance called *The Travells of Cyrus*) had an honorary Degree of Doctor of the Civil Law conferred on him by Convocation.

The said Ramsey is a Scottish Man, and he was presented to that Degree by Dr. King, Principal of St. Mary Hall.

The same day called upon me James Joye, of Duke Street, Westminster, Esq., who is now in Oxford with his Lady and Daughter. He told me the said Ramsey accompanied him to Oxford. Mr. Joye's
30 Wedding day was yesterday. How long he hath been married to his Wife, Mrs. Mary Jeffs, I know not.

On Thursday, Ap. 9th, Mr. Tottenham of Linc. Coll. called upon me and shewed me a note he had taken from their Coll. Register, with respect to Dr. Crew's being dispensed with from proceeding in Canon Law, as their Statutes require, it being judged that Civil Law comprehends Canon.

I desired Mr. Tottenham to let me have a Copy of that note, but he declined it, because it was transcribed from their Register.

About a Month ago I mentioned (as I had several times before) to
40 Mr. Tottenham the publishing the Historical Things in Gascoigne's *Dictionarium Theologicum* in their Coll. Library, and I shewed him Dr. Tanner's letter to me on that account in wch the Dr. very much wishes

April 14, 1730. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 28) [see Diary, April 19].

April 14, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 160). [Part of this Letter appears in the Diary for April 20.] 'The new edition of Parker meets but with a poor reception. Lord Oxford tells me he hath two of 1572 Edition, which Dr. Drake never saw.'

I could have the opportunity of doing it. Mr. Tottenham said not a word, so I take it for granted he is against it.

Dr. Mathew Braylesford, Dean of Wells, was a Cambridge man. He hath but a mean Character. There is a great Quarrel between him & Dr. Archer. Bishop Hooper was his great Friend, for w^{ch} he hath most ungratefully abused him since.

April 15 (Wed.). On Wed. April 8th, being the beginning of Easter Term, Mr. John Coxed, Warden of New Coll., took the Degree of Dr. of Civil Law.

April 19 (Sun.). Yesterday, Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. told me that ¹⁰ his Mother had informed him that one of the late famous Mr. Dodwell's daughters is married to Mr. Thomas Birt, an undertaker of Funerals in Reading, w^{ch} Mr. Thomas Birt is a man of a very good Character, being one of the compleat Nonjurors that neither take the Oaths nor frequent the publick Churches where petitions are used for Usurpers. It seems he hath had two wives before, tho' he is but a youngish Man.¹

Mr. Baker of Cambridge hath desired a friend of my Lord Oxford (who went on the 14th, the date of Mr. Baker's letter to me, from Cambridge to London) to enquire of his Lordship, whether he has any of Dr. Humphry Humphrey's, late bishop of Hereford's, posthumous Papers. ²⁰ Mr. Baker hath sent me copies of some of that B^p's MSS. papers, being Corrections of and Additions to Ant. Wood's first volume of *Athenae Oxon.* Mr. Baker designed to make the like enquiry concerning Mr. Hugh Thomas's MSS., but he really forgot thro' hast, the Gentleman being ready to step into the Coach.

The Collection of Tracts (mentioned above under March 24) was publisht by Mr. Parne and one Belman, both then Scholars, since Fellows, of Trinity College. Mr. John Plaifere (as Mr. Baker hath since found) was originally of Emanuel College, where he proceeded M^r of Arts anno 1601, & might possibly be Fellow of Sidney College the same year, the ³⁰ College being then an embryo, to w^{ch} he might be nominated anno 1600, tho' not admitted or compleated Fellow 'till the College was compleatly finished. He was instituted Rector of Debden, dioc. Norwic. 25 Junii. 1605. *Had our Register* (saith Mr. Baker) *been perfect, it would not have shown the place of his birth or education*, it being not usuall to put down either place of Birth or Education in the Cambridge Register, as we do at Oxford.

April 16, 1730. Thomas Rawlins at Stratford to H. (Rawl. 9. 17). Wishes to subscribe for the next volume: 'I have desired my cousin Taylor to pay.'

April 18, 1730. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 270). Acknowledges the receipt of three guineas.

April 18, 1730. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 73). Has received the copy of *Trokeloave*. Dined yesterday with Mr. Bromley, M.P. for Oxford University; 'he will be very glad to see you at Bagginton, whenever you come this way.'

¹ Hearne adds in the margin: 'They were married at London on Monday last, April 13th; she is the youngest daughter, named Monica.'

April 20 (Mon.). Last night Mr. Joye & I (and nobody else with us) spending the Evening together in Oxford, he told me that the Chevalier Ramsey (who is gone out of Town) gave (before he went) in consideration of Dr. W^m King's Civilities to him in Oxford, the perpetual Right of printing his Travells of Cyrus in French (w^{ch} is the original, the English being a Translation & the Right given to another) provided the profits be turned to the Benefit of St. Mary Hall. Inquire more of this. Mr. Joye was one of the witnesses to the Deed of Gift.

The Picture of Edward V in Rastell's Chron. hath a Crown hanging
 10 over his head and not upon his head, & the Picture of Richard III hath the Scepter in his left hand broke and held downward, as is the Scepter of Edward II, tho' not broken. Likewise Richard II holds the scepter downwards unbroken. The rest of the Kings hold them upright. Richard III's age is not mentioned in that Chronicle. From what I printed of W^m Worcester in the Black Book of the Exchequer, it may be gathered that he was only 33 years old, when he was killed in Bosworth Field. Yet the Pictures of him represent him to be an old and shrivelled man.

This morning in Congregation Mr. Jos. Steadman, Fellow of Queen's
 20 College, was presented to the Degree of Dr. of Div.

April 21 (Tu.). The new Edition of Parker's *Antiq. Eccl. Brit.* meets but with a poor reception. Lord Oxford says he hath two of 1572 Edition, w^{ch} Dr. Drake never saw.

Yesterday, called upon me Mr. Pointer of Merton College with one Mr. Buck. This Mr. Buck and his brother (their names are Samuel and Nathaniel Buck) are upon a Work containing the Perspective Views of the present State of many of the most noted Abbies, Religious Foundations, Castles, and other Remains of Antiquity in this Kingdom. They have already published part of their work, viz. five sets for five years, each
 30 set containing 24 cuts, and they are now about the sixth set. The Price of each set is two Guineas. I was shewed some of the cuts. One is a Cut of the remains of Eynsham, w^{ch} at the bottom they acknowledge to have been received from one communicated by Browne Willis, that was taken anno 1657. I presently told Mr. Buck 'twos Anthony Wood's & that 'twas taken by Anthony's own hand, and that Brown Willis hath acted very disingenuously in not acknowledging it, but permitting that to be ascribed to himself w^{ch} was due to Anthony.

He shewed me at the same time a Cut of Osney and Godstowe, but nothing near so just and exact as what I did many years ago.

40 In short, this performance is a superficial Thing & contains little more than what hath been done already.

April 22 (Wed.). The first Register of Merton College begins A.D. 1482, the second A.D. 1567. So Mr. Pointer told me on Monday last, I having desired of him this information.

April 22, 1730. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 18. 47). Says that in the *Life of George Herbert* there are some mistakes about Nicholas Ferrar; e.g. Little Gidding did not belong to him but to his mother, having been purchased in her widowhood about 1625. Says that he had heard that

April 23 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, April 20, 1730:

We hear from Oxford that it being proposed in that University to confer an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on the Chevalier de Ramsay (Author of the Travels of Cyrus and lately admitted a Member of the Royal Society), a Convocation was thereupon called on Friday last [April 10] and after a slight opposition, the Favour was granted him by a Majority of 85 to 17.

The Rev. Mr. Samuel Baker, minister of Laverstock in Hampshire, succeeds the Rev. Mr. Hinton, deceased, in the Rectory of Lasham in the same county.

This Mr. Hinton is Mr. Thomas Hinton, my particular Acquaintance, who loved Antiquities & corresponded with me, and whenever he was in Oxford he loved my Conversation. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of New Inn Hall on June 6, 1681. After this he became Chaplain of Corpus Christi Coll. Oxford, parson of St. Peter's in the Bayly, Oxon', & at length Rector of Lasham in Hampshire. He was never married.

He, the said Mr. Hinton, was for some time very intimate and great with Dr. Arthur Charlett, but finding Charlett treacherous, he broke off his acquaintance.

April 24 (Fri.). Mr. Ward tells me, from Warwick the 18th inst., that he hath lately met with th' Account of Q. Eliz. entertainment at Coventry, together with the Recorder's Speech on that Occasion, and is promised the like Account of her Entertainment at Warwick.

I hear there is put under Mr. Cherry's Picture, which is a very sorry one and not like him (and with which Mr. Cherry himself was displeased), the following ridiculous nonsensical Inscription *Franciscus Cherry cl. Dodwelli alter ego.*

Mr. James Joye was of Balliol Coll. when Dr. Maunder was Master thereof. His Tutor was Mr. Jer. Milles, brother of the present Bp of Waterford and Lismore.

Among Hen. Jones's MSS. in the Catalogue, num. 7007, is *Tho. Otterbourne Chronica Regum Angliae ad Annum 1420.* 'Tis a modern Transcript and is in the Bodl. Library.

In Bibl. Cott. Vitellius F. ix. 3. *Chronica Regum Angliae per Thomam Otterburn a prima origine gentis ad tempora R. Henrici V.*

Mr. James West told me formerly that there is a Transcript of Otterburn among Mr. Fulman's MSS. papers in Corpus Christi Coll. Lib.

It may be Mr. Fulman, who was the Editor of the first Vol. of the Oxford Historians (and 'tis done best of all the 3 volumes) in folio, intended to have published Otterburn.

On Wednesday, the 15 of this month, I met in High Street Mr. Trollop, who is related to the Wrights' family and was clerk to old Mr. Wright. He told me Mrs. Anne Cherry hath left Beaconsfield and hath taken part of Mr. Bacon's House in White Waltham street to live in. This

Bishop Turner wrote a life of Nicholas Ferrar, but does not know who had his papers; probably his son-in-law.

April 23, 1730. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 15. 66). Writes that his MS. of Hemingford reaches to the year 1300; it belonged to Bp. Stillingfleet and was copied from one of the Earls of Arundel's.

Trollop was great with Madam Cherry & her Daughters. I thought he might know the particulars of her Will, and therefore I mentioned the Picture of Mr. Cherry and the silly Inscription put (as I am told) under it, & the MSS. of the same Mr. Cherry, several of w^{ch} were not at all proper to be sent to the Bodleian. He seemed surprized & said he knew nothing before of the matter, having not heard the least Word about it.

Mr. Murray formerly told me that he hath got a MS. of *Brute of England*. This History is called by some *the History of St. Alban's*. On the 23rd inst. I wrote to Mr. West and desired him to ask Mr.
10 Murray how low it comes.

April 25 (Sat.). My Lord Oxford's MS. of Hemyingford goes as far as the year 1300.¹ The last Fact he mentions is the marriage of Edward I with Margaret, daughter to Philip, King of France. This MS. did belong to B^p Stillingfleet, and (as he says) [was] copied from one of the Earl of Arundel's. My Lord Oxford, in his Letter of the 23rd, says he wonders Dr. Gale did not publish the whole, and that he must have seen this MS. of my Lord Arundel's.

'Tis no wonder that Dr. Gale did not publish the whole, since 'twas customary with him to break off² at a certain period. He intended another
20 Volume & then to have taken in the Remainder. What hindered him from giving us another Volume, I know not. He lived long enough to have done it. Indeed, after the volume in w^{ch} Hemingford is included (w^{ch} was printed anno 1687), he put out another volume of Historians, being printed at Oxford anno 1691, but then 'twas not the volume he designed, w^{ch} was to have begun with Edw. I's reign. Dr. Gale died April 8, 1702, aet. 68.

My Lord Oxford says, if I would see his MS. he will lend it me whenever I please.

I find by Mr. Anstis's Letter to me of the 21st that the MS. of
30 Hemyingford at the Heralds' Office, tho' it break off abruptly, wants but very little of anything.³ He tells me that doubtless he shall be able to send me the MS. upon my request & note for the return thereof.

April 26 (Sun.). Dr. Tanner being just returned to Oxford from Norwich, I called upon him yesterday in the Afternoon. He told me he had about 200 MSS. that he would give to Bodl. Library.

He mentioned the Letter of Prince Charles, afterwards King Charles I, that I have printed at the end of *Vita Ricardi II*. He lent it to Mr. Willis, who shewed it me and afterwards gave me a Copy, it being transcribed by his Son. I told the Dr. that 'twas my Opinion that it
40 could not be gathered from the Letter that the Prince was any way debauched or inclined to vice, and this I told him I had signified to Mr. Willis, when he first shewed it me. The Dr. said he could not tell what to think, yet believed the whole Blame falls upon the Duke of

¹ Hearne adds in the margin: 'A mistake from a wrong information I had. It comes no lower than 1297, & the last fact is about the agreement of a marriage of Prince Edward, afterwards Edward II, with the daughter of the King of France.'

² i. e. off.

³ Hearne adds in the margin: 'It wants a great deal.'

Buckingham, as without doubt it does. Mr. Willis (I told the Dr.) thought the Prince was guilty this one time of an amorous Intrigue by the Duke's Contrivance, w^{ch} opinion I by no means countenanced, when Mr. Willis insinuated it at his shewing me the Letter, when I told him 'twas plainly capable of another Interpretation. However, I published the Letter to prevent false Copies & that I might not be charged with partiality in saying what might be justly charged on *de facto* Kings, without taking notice of objections against Kings *de jure*. And at the end of Trokelowe's Annals I have shewed how much they are in the wrong, who from this Letter charge the Prince with vicious Inclinations. 10

The Dr. told me the Life of Ant. Wood by himself, that I had copied from the original, was all he had finished, and that the rest was only scraps in Almanacks & some little Sketch in two or three pages, w^{ch} the Dr. said (however) he had not been able to find, neither was it of moment to inquire after.

The Dr. hath got a Transcript of Hemyngford's History from the death of Hen. III, where Dr. Gale broke of, to an. 1300, copied by some young man, but it seems it was never compared. The Dr. knows nothing of Hemyngford's *Vita Edwardi II*.

He knows nothing more (he said) of Nicholas Ferrar than what is in 20 Walton's Life of Herbert.

April 27 (Mon.). I never heard Dr. Stratford of X^t Church say any Thing about Prince Charles, tho' he used to speak very freely of his Grandmother, Mary Queen of Scotland, as a very lewd Woman, whereas I believe (and so I used to tell him) the quite contrary. But tho' the Dr. never discoursed me about the Prince, yet Dr. Tanner did tell me on Saturday last that he had had a Discourse with Dr. Stratford upon the Subject, of w^{ch} the letter of Prince Charles's to the Duke of Buckingham that I printed treats, but whether Dr. Tanner ever mentioned that Letter to Dr. Stratford, I know not. Neither can I tell what Dr. Stratford's 30 opinion in that point was. This however I am apt to think, that Dr. Tanner inclined in his discourse with the Dr. to that opinion w^{ch} will make the Prince's visit of the Lady to have been with a design to lye with her, because the Dr. told me that his design of bringing the letter to Oxford was for no other end but to shew it to Dr. Stratford & to convince him of the Truth of what he had been telling him; but it seems he never did shew it him, having not had an opportunity. But after he brought it to Oxford, he let Mr. Willis have it to see what he thought of it, and indeed Browne Willis did think it was an amorous Intrigue contrived by the Duke of Buckingham, & so he told me when he shewed it me, whereas I 40 presently said that I was of quite another mind and did not believe that the Prince's Virtue was at all sullied in this Affair, whatever the Duke designed in it. The King indeed was displeased with the Prince, and the Prince desired his Letter might have been concealed, but then it was not because the Prince had been any way debauched, but because the Lady was one that had some way or other disoblged the King, and he therefore did not care that the Prince should have any Conversation with her. It must indeed be granted that the Lady, being very beautifull, did perhaps endeavour to tempt and allure the Prince, but notwithstanding all her

Charms, he resisted her, just as Joseph did his mistress, and came off unspotted, as I have insinuated at the end of Trokelowe.

April 28 (Tu.). Mr. West hath told Mr. Thomas Rawlins of Pophills in Warwickshire that he hath lately met with a large folio Volume of the Antiquities of Yorkshire by L^d Fairfax. So Mr. Rawlins, in a Letter to me from Stratford upon Avon, April 16, 1730. Inquire what it should be, for Mr. West never yet said anything to me about it.

Mr. Driffyn, a young Gentleman of X^t Church, told me last night of
 10 a Gentleman of Yorkshire that hath three large folio MSS. volumes relating to Fountains Abbey. But he said he did not care to let them go out of his hands because his Estate was included in them. I take them to be Leiger Books extracted from Registers. Mr. Driffyn did not tell me the Gentleman's name.

April 29 (Wed.). Roger Gale, Esq., in his Letter from London of the 14th of last Month, told me that immediately upon Receipt of a Letter I had wrote to him about Hemyngford, being desirous to give me a positive answer, he consulted his Catalogue of MSS. that he hath in Town, but not finding this Historian there, he wrote to his brother in
 20 Yorkshire to consult his other Catalogue that lyes with his books, least this omission of him in that which he had perused might be only an oversight in transcribing it; but he assured him by a letter that came to him the night before the date of his letter that it is wanting both in the Catalogue and among the MSS. in the country, we^{ch} makes him conclude it was, one among others, that had been lent out to somebody, who had not the honesty to return it before his father's death. Had it been in his possession (he says) I should have most freely commanded it.

April 30 (Thur.). Nicholas Corsellis, Esq., late of Linc. Coll. Oxon., where he took the Degree of Bach. of Law (having been before Gentleman
 30 Commoner) tells me from Layer Marney near Kelvedon in Essex, in his Letter of Feb. 3, 1729, that I should very much oblige him if when I meet with any Authorities for Corsellis's bringing Printing into England, I would communicate them to him. I told him of Mr. Bagford's papers in my Lord Oxford's hands.

May 1 (Fri.). Lent me by Thomas Ward, of Barford near Warwick, Esq., Dec. 22, 1729, a rental folio MS. of Paper:—

Warrewick. Rentale ibidem renovatum mense Februarii anno regis Henrici Octavi tercio.

Castell strete; burgagium. De uno mesuagio quondam Iohannis Brome et

April 29, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. II. 161) [*see* Diary, May 10]. 'My Correspondence with Mr. Burton of Corpus is but slender. I once desired him to send me a Copy of a Letter said to be from you to Mr. Cherry, now in Bodley, that I might be able to silence the Cavils of Unreasonable Men who are willing to catch at any Circumstance to blast the Characters of those whose seeming friends they pretend to be. But Dr. Richardson hath satisfied them, I hope.'

postea Galfridi Rous, situato ibidem ex parte occidentali dicti vici quod solebat reddere per annum xs., modo nichil quia conceditur heredibus Roberti Brome in excambium pro manerio de Faryngdon absque aliquo inde reddendo

Altum paviamentum; burgagium ibidem. De magistro Iohanne Rous capellano de redditu unius burgagii ibidem nuper Galfridi Rous patris sui, situati ex parte australi dicti vici inter mesuagium domini nuper in tenura Henrici Landesdale ex parte occidentali et burgagium heredum Willelmi Payneswyke ex parte orientali, et reddit per annum viid. qua., solvendo ad eundem diem

xs.
viid. qua. 10

Altum paviamentum; burgagium ibidem. De Iohanne Grey pro firma unius mesuagii domini nuper in tenura Henrici Landesdale & antea Simonis Grove, situati ex parte australi dicti vici inter dictum burgagium Iohannis Smyth ex parte occidentali et burgagium magistri Iohannis Rous supradicti ex parte orientali, et solebat reddere per annum xxvi. viiid. et modo conceditur predicto Iohanni Grey per litteras domini regis durante minori aetate G. nunc Comitis Warr'

xxvi. viiid

Streets and Lanes in Warwick according to the said Rental: (1) Castell Street, (2) Bretayn, (3) Altum Paviamentum, (4) Juery, (5) Northegate Street, (6) Waldychestrete, (7) Circa altum forum, (8) Horsecheping, (9) Westrete, (10) Walkerslane, (11) Quenewelstrete, (12) Lethenhull, (13) Hoggesford, (14) Saltesford, (15) Smythestrete, (16) Vicus sancti Nicholai, (17) Coton, (18) Ultra pontem Millestrete, (19) Warytrestrete, (20) Crossestrete, (21) Muyton, (22) Bereford, (23) Woddecote, (24) Wode-
lowe, (25) Forum, (26) Mustoote, (27) Firm'.

At the same time Mr. Ward lent me a *Vewe of Weston park in Hartfordshire*, as follows:—

Thys is the vewe taken within the parke of Weston by Baldok in the Coonte of Hertford, now in the kynges handes ovr souerayn lord, the iii day of Januarii in the xxiith yere of kyng Herre the viith, by Rawff Farclow³⁰ gentylman, Thomas Devynysche, Rechard Isod, John Harmer, John Bamford, Thomas Underwod yomen, Wylyam Isod, Wylyam Warant, Wylyam Rombold, Thomas Isod, John Irlond, & Robert Wurant, sayth that at the day of the making herof that ther wer within the sayd park upon ther' onesty by ther' parfyty syght of all maner dere receuyd & acampyd viii^{xx} dere and as for the lodyche¹ within the said parke the forsayd Rawff & hys Company saythe that yt ys in decay of alle thynges touchyng reparacyons of the sayd hows and about the lodyche to the some of xl mark. Farthermer the sayd Rawff & hys Company saythe that the heddysche² of the sayd park ys in decay of heddischyng whych most nedes be mad xx score polle whyche wylle cost every 40 polle iiid. & the old wod. In wyttnes to thys they, [e]ven the sayd Rawff & hys company, hath set to ther seles the day & yere above wrytten.

May 1, 1730. Rev. Edward Acton to H. (Rawl. 1. 1). Writes that Thomas Hinton died on April 3, aged 72, and that E. A. has bought 'since his decease that valuable collection of books publisht by you'. He desires to be a subscriber for the future and to be entered in the list as 'Edward Acton, LL.B., Rector of Bentworth in Hampshire and Chaplain to the Right Hon^{ble} Talbot, Earl of Sussex'.

¹ i. e. lodge.

² i. e. hedge.

Also at the same time he lent me the following grant, written on vellum :

[Then follows (1) a grant by John Seyntalbones chaplain, John Boteler de Wereslee & John Clerk de Erdelee to Mathew Rede and Henry Rede 'civibus & armariis London' & to Thomas Blount of all their lands and tenements in the town & fields of Clothale in Herts., together with a mediety of the advowson of the hospital of Clothale, which the said John Seyntalbones, John Boteler and John Clerk, together with Robert Broy of Wallyngton, now dead, lately had of the gift and feoffment of Henry Bottele of Clothale. 10 Witnesses, William Vyntner, John Edeham, John Walsh, Hugh Dim, Richard Clyfton, William Brid, Thomas Everard, William Walkerne, Thomas Walkerne. Dated at Clothale, Dec. 28, 9 Hen. IV.

(2) A release and quitclaim by Robert Bottele of Great Stokton to Henry his father, and Walter his son and the heirs and assigns of the said Walter of all his right in the lands in Clotehale and Baldok, held by the said Henry and Walter. Dated at Stockton, Wednesday after the feast of St. Denys, 14 Ric. II.

(3) A grant by William Vale of Clohale to the house of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene in Clohale, and the brethren and Chaplains there, of two 20 acres in Clohale; one being by the road which leads towards Eswell, one head abutting on the land of magister Robert de Melkleye, and the other head upon the land which was of Robert Budell; the other acre lying between the land of Magister Robert de Melkleye and the land which was of Robert Goling, one head abutting on Rugweye, and the other head upon the road which leads towards Eswell. Witnesses, Laurence de Ypegrave, Ralf de Choberlowe, Hugh Pilat, John 'filius persone', William Haliday, Humphrey Scot, Geoffrey Messer.

(4) A grant by John Pylat to the house of St. Mary Magdalene and the brethren there of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ of rent, payable at Easter from an acre of land, which 30 Matilda daughter of Thomas son of Gilbert held in the fields of Clahale, viz. between the land of Laurence son of Roger & the land of Laurence son of Geoffrey, abutting against Bradestreet. Witnesses, Rob. de Ordeyswyk, Rob. son of Laurence, Laurence son of Roger, Laurence son of Geoffrey, Hugh Clericus, William Paschet, Walter Clericus.

(5) A grant by John Pilate of Clahalle to God and St. Mary Magdalene of the hospital by Baldac, and the brethren there, of a rent of $6d.$, paid by Simon de Brada for three acres of land in the fields of Clahall, of which one abuts upon the cross of Hacun, and another abuts on the land of Hugh Faber, and the other acre lies above Holecumbe by the land of Laurence son of Reginald 40 and abuts on the land of the said Simon. This rent is purchased by the brethren, who have assigned this rent to maintain a light before the image of St. Mary in their chapel. Witnesses, Herbert de Clahall, Robert de Ordaiswike, Robert son of Laurence, Hugh Clericus, Adam son of Bartholomew.

(6) A grant by William Wale of Clohale to the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene of Clohale, and the brethren and chaplains there, of half an acre of land in the fields of Clohale, viz. that which lies between the land of William Pascat and the land of Roger de Sculariis & abuts at one head upon Rugweye and at the other head upon the field of Wanlington, rendering yearly $\frac{1}{2}d.$ at Lady Day. Witnesses, Geoffrey de Hamul', Laurence de Ypegrave, Hugh 50 Pilat, John 'filius persone', William Haliday, Humphrey Scot, Geoffrey Messer.

(7) A grant by William Vale of Clohaille to the house of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene of Clohaille, and the brethren there, of an acre of land in the fields of Clohaille, one half in Esthey (with one head abutting on Lewey and the other head on a *cultura* of the lord) the other half in the field towards Ordeysuic by the land of the church of Clohaille, the south head abutting on Lewey. Witnesses, Adam de Ypegrave, Robert son of Laurence, Alan de

Wenlington, William Basset, Robert de Ordneyswic, Laurence son of Roger, William Pasket, Laurence son of Geoffrey, Hugh Clericus.]

Mr. Ward at the same time lent me a MS. paper thus :

The hospytall lande

Inprimis. A capitall Measuage called the hospitall with three acres of pasture therunto adjoininge.

A Close arrable in severall, conteininge fower acres called the Spittell Close. Also one wood containinge twentie acres called Spittell wood.

Also fourtene acres of Meadow lienge in severall beinge in a Close called Spittell meade. 10

Also eight acres of arrable Land lienge in Bigrave field.

Also eight acres of arrable Land lienge in Wallington field.

There is also lienge dispersed diversly in the parishe of Clothall twentie acres or therabouts.

Some lie in Rushden field, but the number is unknowne.

Endorsed *The Hospitall land at Clothall, &c.*

Copies of another MS. Paper I received at the same time, indorsed *Charge of Clothall :*

There is a free Chapple, called The Free Chapple of Clothall in the Countie of Hertford, to w^{ch} doth belonge CC acres of medow, wood, pasture and 20 arrable lande lyeng in Clothall, Weston, Quixwood and Buckland in the County aforesaid, now possessed by Georg Burgoyn gent and Thomas Burgoyn gent., w^{ch} chapple and landes are graunted in Fee to be held in socag by Her Majestie's Letters Patentes.

To prove that the same was such a free Chapple as ought to come to hire Majestie by the statute of 1 Ed. VI, yt is certified in anno xxvi Hen. VIII to be contributory to the payment of Firstfruites and tenths. Afterwards upon the generall certificat of All free chapples and Chauntries made in Anno xxxvii Hen. VIII, it is agayn there certified by comission out of the Court of Chauncery & returned into the Eschequir that yt was a free Chapple founded 30 for the mayntenance of a priest, of w^{ch} free chapple & Landes neither of the said Mr. Burgoynes have any estate from hir Highnes or any hir progenitors : both the said Certificates and Inquisitions are remayning of record in the Eschequir.

Likewise the following Paper, indorsed *Chartre for Bridewell & St. Thomas Hospitall in Southwarke :*

[Letters Patent of June 26, 7 Ed. VI, by which the King grants to the Mayor and Commynalty of London the mesuage or manor of Bridewell and other lands of the Savoy Hospital to the value of £450 per annum.

Letters Patent of Aug. 12, 5 Ed. VI, about the hospital of St. Thomas in 40 Southwark.]

Also the following papers, indorsed *Grant for fishe at Rye :*

[Grant by Edward III, to John, Abbot of Stanley in Wilts. & the monks there, of the King's profit of the fishing vessels of Rye, called Kingeshares. Westminster, Apr. 28, 37 Ed. III.

Grant by Edward III to the same Abbot and monks of the advowson of the church of Rye, and the tithe of fish there, called Christes-shares. Westminster, Apr. 28, 37 Ed. III.]

May 2 (Sat.). St. Augustin was the first Interpreter and Expounder of Aristotle, as was long since observed by Roger Bacon, as we are 50 informed by Br. Twyne, *Apol.*, p. 355.

Computum Evangelii & *Dionysii* differed 22 years, viz. Dionysius's Computation was 22 years before that of *Evangelium*, and the *Computum Evangelii* began the year at the Nativity or, as others, at the Circumcision, but that of Dionysius at the Conception of our Saviour. Of this you may see a valuable note of Br. Twyne's in p. 208 of his *Apologia*, Mr. Twyne being a great Philosopher & Mathematician, as well as Antiquary, as I have seen from some of his MSS. Collections, tho' (it may be) he had some of his mathematical Learning from the famous Mr. Thomas Allen, of Gloucester Hall, now called Worcester College, who was most certainly
 10 a very great man in Mathematicks, Philosophy, History, and Antiquities, and 'tis very much to be lamented that he did not publish Books, since he was every way so highly capable. He is talked of at Worcester College to this day, and Dr. Mill (Principal of Edmund Hall) would sometimes go to Gloucester Hall, as would others also, to see his Room, & Dr. Benj. Woodroffe (late Principal of Gloucester Hall) would always talk of this great man to such Scholars as visited him, & he would either shew them his Chamber or at least point towards it.

May 3 (Sun.). Roger Hoveden, the famous Historian, was an Oxford man. He flourished (according to Bale) anno 1204. And even
 20 Robert Parsons observes, in his book against Sir Francis Hastings, that he was a Doctor of Div. & Principal Reader of Divinity at Oxford in the time of Richard I, and that then he wrote at large the Life of St. Thomas as it is exstant in his History. See Twyne, p. 227.

As for the said History of Hoveden, it was published by Sir Henry Savile. Walter of Coventry was only a Transcriber (at least for the greatest part) of Hoveden, and therefore there is no reason to publish him, since there is nothing material in him but what we have already in Hoveden. But then, whereas this Walter continued Hoveden, it might be very proper to set out that Continuation, of w^{ch} I have a Copy from
 30 a MS. in the hands of the Earl of Oxford, and indeed I intend (when a proper opportunity offers) to print it. John Bale (in his Additions to and Corrections of his Book, w^{ch} I have printed in Trokelowe) calls it Hoveden's own, but this is a mistake, as I shall hint in my notes to *Caius de Antiq. Univ. Acad. Cant.*

May 4 (Mon.). Dr. George Abbat, Master of University College, in the 3rd year of his Vice-Chancellorship did this piece of service for the University of Oxford, as to retrieve a Book of Epistles written to & by the University, w^{ch} had been long lost, & being found by the Dr. at Winchester (of w^{ch} Place he was Dean) he restored it to the University,
 40 and took care to have it lodged in the University Archives, as Mr. Twyne informs us in pag. 264 of his *Apologia*. Mr. Twyne mentions this upon account of a matter of Fact, that fell out about the year 1465.

The said Vol. of Letters is now among the University Muniments in the School Tower. There is another Vol. of the Univ. Letters (being a Continuation of the other volume) in Bodley's Archives A. 166, *ab anno 1508 ad annum 1597*.

In old time the poorer sort of Scholars at Oxford were stiled Chamberdkyns or Chamberdekyns, as is observed by Mr. Twyne in p. 293 of his *Apology*, where he tells us that one of them was severely punished for

being kind to the Black Fryers after they had been excommunicated by Walter Reynoldes, Archbishop of Canterbury, for their behaviour to the University, they being indeed some of the most malicious Enemies the University had in those days, acting as much as possibly they could against the University Laws and Statutes, in w^{ch} without doubt they mightily pleased the Townsmen, who are always against the Interest of the University, notwithstanding they depend upon it for their Support. These Chamberdekyns were (as I take it) of the nature of our modern Servitours, and waited upon Gentlemen of a better Quality and Distinction in their Chambers and other places, tho' I believe in those Times they ¹⁰ were more obedient and humble than our Servitours are now, who are generally very haughty, and scorn to wear their proper habits, their Gowns being not what properly belong to Servitours but to Battelars, and their Caps (w^{ch} should be Thrum¹ Capps or Bonnetts) being what (when I came first to Oxford) the Commoners wore. The said Walter Reynoldes became Archbishop A.D. 1313, and died A.D. 1327.

May 5 (Tu.). In the 2^d Tome but 3^d vol. (p. 314) of Leland's Collectanea are many Extracts out of Hemynford's Chronicle. His MS. reached to 1297 and was divided almost into 300 chapters.

In Magd. Coll. Lib., Oxon., is Gualterus Gisburne de gestis Edwardi III. ²⁰ It is 2194. 53 in the printed Catalogue. I have a Transcript of it.

In Trin. Coll. Cambr., 291. 36 Chronica Gualteri Hemingford; also *ibid.* 547. 22.

In Bennet Coll. Libr. 1408. 131 Chronica Walteri Hemynford.

Among the Duke of Norfolk's Books, vol. ii of the Catalogue of MSS., p. 177, is 5526. 101 Chronicon Gualteri Hemingford.

Also p. 217 among Hen. Jones's MSS. 7012. 9 Chronica Walteri de Gisburne.

In the Cotton Library, Tib. iv. 4 Chronica Walteri de Gysburne.

Also in the Cott. Library, Nero D. 11. 22 Walterus monachus ³⁰ Gisburnensis.

Mr. Twyne, in p. 211 of his *Apologia*, hath several good notes about the founding of Oxford Castle and St. George's Church there, from the Book of Osney, compiled (as he saith) with very great diligence by William de Quittona,² the Abbot. The said Castle was built by Rob. Doyly the first (so 'tis supposed, tho' the said book does not say so) in the year 1071. He & Roger Iverey founded St. George's Church anno 1074 and placed Secular Canons in it.

May 6 (Wed.).

[Extracts from Twyne's *Apologia*, concerning Osney Abbey.]

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May 7 (Thur.). Mr. Anstis, in his Letter to me of the 21st of April, 1730, tells me (as he had done formerly) that he had the Book of Ant.

May 7, 1730. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 18. 48). Transcribes the

¹ *Thrum* means 'made of yarn'.—Ed.

² Hearne adds in the margin: 'It should be *Suttona*.'

Wood's Diary (wh^{ch} is now in my Lord Oxford's Library, Mr. Anstis having given it to him) from Mr. Dale, the Herald, many years since, in exchange for several original letters of Wood's to Dr. Pett, the King's Advocate general for the Kingdome of Ireland, which he bought at the Sale of his Books. The letters were mostly about his method of defending himself against the prosecution in the Vicechancellor's Court, & desiring his advice, and he is very sorry that he did not take copies of them. He hath told Mr. Murray, who promised to make enquiry after them from Dale's widdow. When Mr. Anstis shewed that Diary to Dr. Tanner
 10 many years since, he wondered how it came into Dale's possession, neither did Mr. Dale ever inform Mr. Anstis of the means whereby he obtained it. *But certainly* (saith Mr. Anstis) *Dr. Tanner hath a continuation of it. But that is only to yourself.* He adds: *I have been told that book of mine was printed privately; surely I am entituled to have a copy of it to be given me.*

I do not know that the said Diary was ever printed, but I believe Mr. Anstis means a little book printed at Oxford by Leonard Lichfield in 8^{vo} many years ago, written by Dr. Richard Rawlinson, who extracted it chiefly from the Diary lent him by Mr. Anstis, & dedicated it to Dr.
 20 Charlet, as I have found by one Copy, tho' the Copy I have is without the Dedication. The Dr. is now so far from being proud of this performance that (as he hath told me) he gets up all the Copies he can & commits them to the Flames.

May 8 (Fri.). Mr. Twyne, p. 262 of his Apol., mentions a Letter of Ric. II in the Book of St. John's Hospital without East Gate, Oxon., in the Archives of Magd. Coll. at that time in the Custody of Mr. Summers. This Letter was to prohibit the B^p of Lincoln, John Synwall's,¹ designed visitation of that Hospital, because not only that Hospital, but the other Religious Houses of Oxford, were subject to the Jurisdiction of the
 30 Chancellour of Oxford.²

That book must be a very considerable thing, and I wish I had the use of it.

The said Mr. Summers was a very diligent man and I believe versed in Antiquities, being an Acquaintance of Mr. Twyne's.

May 9 (Sat.). Mr. West is apt to think Mr. Anderson's Plates were bought back by the Proprietor, Mr. Paterson.

Mr. West lately met with *John Elder's Letter to Robert Stuarde, bishop of Cathenes, about the maryage of Philippe, Prynce of Spaine, to the most*

account of Nicholas Ferrar in the *Life of George Herbert*; more might be found in Fuller's *Worthies* or *Abel Redivivus*.

May 9, 1730. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 276). Sends a volume for Hearne's perusal.

May 9, 1730. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 37) [*see* Diary, May 21, 22].

¹ The Bishop's name was Gynwall.—Ed.

² The deed is in the Cartulary of St. John's Hospital; however, it does not speak of the jurisdiction of the Chancellour of the University, but of the King's Chancellour.—Ed.

Excellent Princes Marye, Queene of England, at Winchester. Printed by John Waylande.

Mr. Twyne, in p. 280 of his Apology, takes notice of a great mistake in Robert Hare's Memorabilia of *Cantabrigiae* for *Oxoniae*, as if the Scholars had went from Cambridge to Northampton, and began to settle an University there upon account of the contest, anno 1246. Whereas there was no such Difference then at Cambridge (w^{ch} was not indeed then become an University) but it was at Oxford, and 'twas certainly from Oxford that the Scholars went on that account, the Affronts they had received from the Townesmen of Oxford being so very great that they ¹⁰ could not bear with them. But they continued not long from Oxford, matters being made up much to the Advantage of the Scholars, but 'twas very much against the Inhabitants of Northampton's Inclinations & desires that the Schools begun to be opened there should be shut up & a stop put to the Prospect they were in of their Town's becoming an University.

May 10 (Sun.). Mr. West, in his Letter of April 29, assures me that the Epitaph handed about (and inserted at the beginning of this Book) of Mr. Le Neve, is under his own hand in his Possession, lent him by his Widow & Executor. He hath also his Creed, which he says is as remarkable as the other.

On the 28th of April last was opened at Westminster a fine Monument ²⁰ of Sir Godfrey Kneller. The inscription (sent by Mr. West)

[Inscription omitted.]

Fletcher Gyles hath printed Lambard's Topographical Dictionary.

The Author of the Annals of Hyde is said by some to be Ælfricus Abbas. See Twyne, p. 211. I look upon this to be a Mistake, no such Thing being noted by Wharton, as I remember.

May 12 (Tu.). On May 1, 1730, being Friday, died M^{rs}. Litchfield, wife of Leonard Litchfield, the Printer, and was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard in the East, Oxford (where they lived), on Sunday evening, ³⁰ May 3rd. Her Maiden Name was Betts. She was about 50 years of age. She was a very handsome Woman when young. She was the second Wife of Mr. Litchfield. By her he had many Children, several of w^{ch} (whereof one is a Daughter) are living.

John Mauduith, a most famous Mathematician, who flourished about the times of Edw. II & Edw. III, before w^{ch} there was another John Mauduith that was Author of the *Tabulae Astronomicae Oxonienses* (see Twyne, Apol., p. 217). Twyne proves Mauduith to have flourished at Oxford about the year 1070, together with Ingulphus, &c. (see Twyne, p. 221), & he quotes Tho. Allen for confirmation, *ex cujus bibliotheca* (says ⁴⁰ he) *haec hausimus*.

May 13 (Wed.). Dr. Rawlinson told me, in a Letter from London House of Feb. 7 last, that he is perswaded I will take no publick notice of that juvenile performance of his, printed many years ago at Oxford, of the Life of Anthony Wood, since (he says) the Editor is neither proud of it, nor has distributed any of them, but to their proper place the Flames. [NB. I have this little Thing of the Dr's., being given me by himself,

& there are many of them about, and tho' 'tis no secret that he penned it, yet I shall very readily observe his direction.]

John Leland (in p. 233 de Scriptoribus) says Roger Hereford was of Cambridge, purely as it seems because he found his works there in Peterhouse, yet Mr. Twyne, p. 220, tells us the contrary, and that he was long before Hen. II's time, notwithstanding Bale, from Leland, tells us that he flourished in that Reign.

- May 14 (Thur.).** Mr. Deodatus Bye, A.M. & sometime since Clark of All Souls, who is now a Curate in Kent, on April 16 last sent Mr. 10 Loveday, of Magd. Coll., the draught of a Vessel, found a few days before at Allington (a village within two miles of Maidstone) two foot underground. It is of copper (being indeed an Urn, with a handle to take it up, like our Brass Coffee or Tea Vessels). There were three or four Earthen Urns standing by it. He purchased the Vessel for a shilling, & the Country Man laughed heartily at him in the Bargain. The said Mr. Bye is a good Rabbinical Scholar, & was sometime since usher to Mr. Hiley, Schoolmaster at Reading.

To know of Mr. Baker, whether he can tell anything particular of Mr. Nich. Ferrar, more than is in Walton's Life of Mr. George Herbert.

- May 16 (Sat.).** On the 10th inst., being Sunday, meeting Mr. Robert Wood, of the Racket Court, upon Magd. Bridge, as I was walking between 11 and 12 Clock to Heddington to dinner, he told me that his Uncle Anthony was not ill used at Merton College or ejected the common Room upon account of any difference with the College, but that the ill will shewed him there was only by Sir Thomas Clayton and Sir Thomas's party, because Anthony used to give no better Character of him than that he was Head of Merton College and a Knight.

- Mr. Edward Acton, LL.B., rector of Bentworth, near Alton, in Hampshire, and Chaplain to the Right Hon. Talbot [Yelverton], Earl of 30 Sussex, tells me in a Letter dated at Bentworth, May 1, 1730, that his good friend & neighbour, Mr. Thomas Hinton, rector of Lasham, died April 3rd last, after a short illness, aetat. 72. He was taken with the dead Palsie the 26th of March in the Evening, w^{ch} took away his speech and the use of all one side. He never recovered either, but had some sense to the last.

- Sir Robert Doilly, in the 5th year of K. Stephen, received the Empress Maud at Oxford as his Lady and Mistress, whence I conclude that he was an enemy of Stephen's and a great friend of that great Lady's. 'Tis mentioned in the MS. anon. Chronicle, lent me by Mr. West, that 40 belonged formerly to Gervase Holles.

May 14, 1730. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 89) [see Diary, May 23]. B. B. has been hitherto detained in London by business of the utmost consequence.

May 15, 1730. H. to Dr. Mead (Diaries, 125. 154). Asks that he may have a transcript of Cott. MS. Vitell. F. ix. 3, the Chronicle of Thomas Otterburn.

May 15, 1730. Anstis to H. (Diaries, 126. 47). If Mr. Murray will call at the Heralds' Office, he will receive the MS. of Hemingford for H.'s use.

May 17 (Whit-Sunday). Tho' it be not expressly said that Wm of Malmesbury, who died anno 1142, was an Oxford man, yet Brian Twyne, in p. 226 of his Apology, is fully of opinion that he studied History at Oxford. And that which seems to confirm the matter is this, that Malmesbury, giving an account of St. Frideswide's Church being restored by K. Ethelred, refers for authority to an authentick evidence that he had read in the Archives of the same Church, whence it appears that Malmesbury was diligent at Oxford in searching Antiquity.

May 18 (Mon.). On Saturday, May 9th, 1730, died of a dead palsy and the dropsy, Mr. Gab. St. Barbe, M.A. & Fellow of Corpus Christi College. 10 He was buried in the College the next day. He had been originally of Edmund Hall, where he had an elder Brother, who is still living in the west parts of England. This Mr. Gabriel St. Barbe (who was a perfectly goodnatured man) took the Degree of M.A., Mar. 11, 1702. He had the Palsy many years, and was an handsome, ingenious, brisk man when young.

On May 12, 1730, I wrote to Mr. Anstis, Garter-principal King of Arms, to desire him to procure me the Loan of Hemynghford in the Heralds' Office, and I promised him to take great care of it and to restore it faithfully. 20

I also at the same time wrote to the Earl of Oxford to desire him to lend me his MS. of the same Author, that I may make what publick use thereof I shall see necessary. And I withall desired him to let me know whether he hath any part of Hemynghford after the year 1300.

Anno Regis Stephani xv^o, institutio ordinis Praemonstratensis apud Dribrygg. Mr. West's MS. anon. Chron., p. 15. Quaere where this Dribrygg was.

May 19 (Tu.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, May 11, 1730:

On the 8th of April last died at Market Bosworth in Leicestershire, the 30 Rev. and learned Anthony Blackwall, A.M., justly celebrated for that excellent Work, intituled, *The Sacred Classics illustrated and defended, or an Essay humbly offered towards proving the Purity, Property and True Eloquence of the Writers of the New Testament, &c.*

NB. He also wrote a good book about Reading the Classicks, wch is in 8^{vo} & upon the prophane Authors, whereas the other is in 4^{to}. He was a Schoolmaster.

May 20 (Wed.). Anno 27 Henrici II, Translatio sanctae Freyeswidae apud Oxon. in an anonymous MS. Chron. penes Jacobum West, arm.

From the Northampton Mercury for May 11, 1730: 40

London, May 9. The Rev. Mr. Coppin, Fellow of All Souls College,

May 19, 1730. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 8) [see Diary, May 27].

May 19, 1730. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 272; Diaries, 126. 47). Asks M. to call at the Heralds' Office for a MS. of Hemingford, of which H. has the loan.

May 20, 1730. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 14. 35). Is glad the Speech he sent will be of some use; he believes it to be correctly copied.

Oxford, was married last Saturday to Miss Cheney of Hertfordshire, a Lady of £12,000 fortune.

On Monday last, the Rev. Mr. Niblett, Warden of the said College, was married to Miss Whitfeild, niece of the late Richard Whitfeild of Maidenhead in Berks., Esq.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker of what College Mr. Blackwall was (for I think he was a Cambridge Man).

On Wednesday, May 13, 1730, called upon me, Mr. Durham, Author of Many Things, but he could not stay, his wife & son (Fellow of 10 St. John's Coll., Oxon.) and 2 daughters being with him.

The said Mr. Durham (who is a very worthy man) is Fellow of the Royal Society, Prebendary of Windsor, and rector of Upminster, in Essex.

He was (when I was a child) vicar of Wargrave near Reading in Berks.

Neither of his Daughters are married. The eldest (who is more than 30) is a very fine Woman. The youngest is about 20. Mr. Durham is 72 years of age, as he told me. His neck is strangely distorted by a Palsy he had about 3 years ago.

20 I put him in mind of a promise he made me formerly when he entered his Son, of sending me his account of observations of Building before the Conquest, by w^{ch} he said he could prove that Stone Building in England was very common before the Norman Conquest. He said he had forgot his promise.

Mr. Durham was a great acquaintance of Mr. Griffyth's of White Waltham, and they had a great respect for one another.

Mr. Durham a few years since was a great walker, & he would walk over from Windsor to White Waltham and dine with Mr. Griffyth at the Vicarage House of White Waltham.

30 On Thursday, May 14, 1730, died of the small Pox the wife of young Mr. Ives, the Apothecary of St. Mary's Parish in Oxford. He married her from Great Milton. She was buried in St. Mary's church on Saturday night, May 16, at eleven Clock.

Mr. Baker hath communicated to me several Papers of Dr. Humphreys, late B^p of Hereford, to be printed, containing additions to and corrections of the 1st Vol. of *Athenae Oxon.* Dr. Tanner told me he knew nothing of them, w^{ch} is somewhat strange, Mr. Baker having received them from Dr. White Kennett, late B^p of Peterborough, to whom Dr. T. was better known, and had better Interest in him than Mr. Baker. And yet

40 Mr. Baker tells me, he must own that he was to him a very kind and communicative friend. Mr. Baker had the use of many volumes of his Collections & might have had more had he lived, w^{ch} was the more kind in that it was not sought for by Mr. Baker. For tho' Mr. B. was a perfect Stranger to him, yet being at Cambridge, he did him the honor to call at his Chamber & led him to a correspondence, & that notwithstanding he knew at the same time he corresponded with B^p Atterbury & with me. This great condescension Mr. Baker says he must always thankfully remember.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether he ever saw B^p Kennett's 50 MS. account of Ant. à Wood, w^{ch} he had written at the beginning

of *Athenae Oxon.* and which I saw (anno 1695, when I was a Schoolboy) in the house of Mr. Cherry of Shottesbrooke, where I then dwelt.

May 22 (Fri.). Mr. Baker never saw Rastell's Chronicle, nor does he know of any Copy at Cambridge. I believe my late Friend Thomas Rawlinson had no Copy thereof. Ask his brother the Dr.

Neither hath Mr. Baker met with *Chamberdekyns* in their old Books. Sizars and Subsizars they have many, who within his memory have submitted to very mean Employments, now wholly left to Bedmakers or inferior Servants.

Mr. Lewis has now publisht his Proposals for Wickliff's Testament 10 compared with eleven MSS. by Dr. Waterland, price 18 sh.

Mr. Baker has now had a sight of Dr. Brady's MSS. (as he tells me in his Letter from Cambridge of the 9th of May, 1730) from Mr. Lightwin's Executor; amongst w^{ch} are several Papers of value; the difficulty is to know what is printed already, as some undoubtedly are by Rymer and other late Historians.

May 23 (Sat.).

[The inscriptions from Headington churchyard on Thomas Godfrey, who died Jan. 26, 1706, and Thomas Godfrey, jun., who died Mar. 22, 1728.]

Those that make Alfred of Beverley a Cantabrigian, make use of 20 the words *ut fertur*, thereby signifying that 'twas uncertain, as may be seen in Brian Twyne's Apol. p. 229.

On Saturday, May 16, I received from Beaupré Bell, Esq., a copy of Dr. Spencer's speech to the Duke of Monmouth, when the Duke was installed Chancellour of the University of Cambridge. 'Tis written with a Spirit, and is full of Flattery, w^{ch} that Duke always loved and was very fond of.

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[The first 46 pages of this volume are occupied with transcripts from MSS.]

1724. On Sept. 7 last I received, among other things, from Thomas 30 Ward, of Longbridge near Warwick, Esq., a paper MS. w^{ch} he is pleased to lend me, being a Sketch of Annals or of a Chronicle of England, on paper, in a modern hand, beginning Anno 1066 and ending in the year 1537, when perhaps the Collector lived, tho' the hand does not seem to be quite so old as that of Hen. VIII. Many leaves are cut out, viz. five at least about K. Ric. I and K. John. The book seems to be collected from good Authors, tho' none are quoted. I like the method & there are many good Things all along in it, tho' I think nothing 40 but what occurs in our printed Historians.

At the same time I received from the said Mr. Ward a thin 4^{to} MS. in Paper, w^{ch} he likewise lent me, containing—

1. A Latin Homily written about the time of Hen. VI, as the whole book was, *in die Inventionis sanctae Crucis*.

2. Some other little things about the Cross.

3. De notis vel de sillabis musicis.
4. Ethimologizacio misericordiae.
5. De parentibus beatae Mariae.
6. De aetate b. Mariae virginis.
7. An English Homily upon these words in St. Matthew, *redde quod debes*. This book consists of twelve leaves or twenty-four pages.

May 29, 1725. Received from Peter Le Neve, Esq., Norroy K. of Arms, a Parcel by Godfrey's waggon, for the carriage of ^{wh} I paid six pence, containing three MSS. lent me by the said Mr. Le Neve, ^{wh} I must return before the 10th of next month, viz.

1. *Quinque libri Hegesippi, natione Judaei, de excidio Judaeorum*. This is a later Hegesippus than he that lived in the second century. He seems to be more than six hundred years after St. Ambrose, who flourished anno 374.

[A description of the MS.]

2. *Peirs Plowman* in folio on vellum, writ (for ought I know) in or very near the time of the Author; for so the Hand shews. The work was compiled (as I have shewed in *Neubrigensis*, p. 770) anno 1409. NB. I think, since I writ what goes before, that upon perusing the MS. it was written in the time of Hen. VI. It is so very different from the Print, both in the Contexture as well as language, that it seems to be new done by somebody, I know not whether by him that altered Robert of Gloucester.

3. A quarto MS. in Paper containing three Pieces, viz.

1. *Speculum humanae salvationis*; scriptum A. D. 1377 ad instantiam Thomae Thirlaw sacerdotis.

[A description of it.]

2. *Liber intitulus manuale sacerdotis*, scriptus per Johannem priorem de Lylleshulle.

[A description of it.]

30 3. *Incipiunt hic versus prophetae Johannis de Brydlyngton*. All the said three Pieces are written in the same hand, in the time, I think, of Hen. IV.

The Hegesippus and Peirs Plowman cost £1 1/- apiece, the third 5s.

Dec. 21, 1725. The following Particulars contained in two Parchment Rolls brought to me last night, being lent me by Thomas Ward of Longbridge, near Warwick, Esq., but the Arms I have omitted.

[An analysis of the pedigree which was made Feb. 10, 1578. Thomas Brome, lord of the manor of Brome in Lapworth, in the reign of Ed. I, in 5 Ed. II gave the manor to his cousin Robert Brome, who dwelt at 40 Bromesplace, in the Crosse street without the bridge of the town of Warwick. Robert Brome, by Pernell his wife, had a son William, who had a son Robert who lived at Bromesplace. His son John Brome had two sons; from the younger, William Broome of Woodstock, was descended Sir Christopher Brome of Halton; the elder son, John Brome, was under-Treasurer of England in the reign of Hen. VI, and had a son Nicholas. This Nicholas had a son Raufe. The son of Raufe was Reygnolde, who in Feb. 1578 was alive and married, but had no issue. Hearne's transcript gives some further details of the family.]

An account of some things in a MS. in Magd. Coll. Library (numb. 38)

in folio, partly paper and partly vellum, written in the time of Hen. V, put into my hands on May 2, 1730, and perused by me for a day or two.

[Extracts from the MS., which is still no. 38 in Magd. Coll. Library.]

Returned the said MS. to Mr. Loveday, Monday night, May 4, 1730.

May 24, 1730 (Trinity Sunday). On Whit-Munday, May 18, Dr. Tanner calling upon me, told me that the last Paragraph of the Vindication of the Oxford Historiographer and his Writings was penned by Dr. White Kennett, & Dr. Tanner had told me the same formerly, and indeed had also said (as he did now) that Dr. Kennett also wrote the whole, all but what Anthony Wood did himself, tho' at another time the Dr. had said that Dr. Thomas Wood was Author. And even now when I said that I doubted whether Dr. Kennett were Author, Dr. Tanner said, 'I mean only of the last Paragraph'.

May 25 (Mon.). On Tuesday morning about 3 Clock, May 19, died of a Consumption, Mrs. Catharine White, wife of Dr. Charles Potter, son of the late Mr. Potter of Baldwin, and youngest daughter of the late Alderman White of Oxford, a pretty, young, good-natured Woman. The said Mr. Charles Potter was of Xt Church, as a Member of wch he took the Degree of M.A., April 20, 1727. [Buried in St. Marie's church, Friday, May 22.]

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From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, May 18, 1730:

On the 8th of May, 1720 [*sic*], a Sturgeon, six Foot and a half long and two Foot and a half about, was caught in Bolstock Pool, by Mr. Peter Darnill of Raymill, near Maidenhead Bridge, in the County of Berks.

On Wednesday last, May 13, about 5 o'Clock in the morning died Sir Justinian Isham, of Lamport in this county, Bart., who has represented the said County in Parliament for many years. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edmund Turnor of Stoke-Rochford in Lincolnshire, by whom he had eight sons and six daughters. He is succeeded in Dignity and Estate by his eldest son, now Sir Justinian Isham, Bart., who married Mary, sole Daughter to Lisle Hacket, of Moxhull in Warwickshire, Esq., by Dorothy his wife, daughter of Sir John Bridgeman, of Castle Bromwich in that County, Bart. Sir Justinian was a Gentleman blessed with Variety of uncommon Endowments, if consummate Honour and Integrity, an extensive Charity, innate Love of Virtue, and an Aversion to whatever is vicious or irregular be allowed to pass for ought; and whose Death will be always justly regretted by good men.

May 26 (Tu.). Richard I was born at Oxon. anno 1157. He instituted the first mayor of Oxon. (as he did of London) and two Aldermen, Henry III adding two more. He received the citizens of Oxford into the same Rights and Privileges with the Citizens of London, and gave the Mayor of Oxford a privilege of being his Butler on the day of his Coronation, and all this Favour was granted by him because of his being born at Oxford. These Privileges have been confirmed by many following Kings, and the Citizens of Oxford enjoy them to this day.¹ See Bryan Twyne's Apol., p. 234.

May 26, 1730. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 36) [*see* Diary, June 4 and 6].

¹ This paragraph has many errors. The first Mayor of Oxford was in the reign of

May 27 (Wed.). In Leland's Itinerary, vol. vii, p. 75, is a pretty deal of the *Calendaries* at Bristoll, which it seems was a Gild or Fraternity. It is called *Domus Calendarum* in the Valuation at the end of the 1st Volume of the Monasticon, and in the same place of Leland is mention of a little Book of the Antiquities of the Calendaries, web are there carried very high, as far back I think as K. Stephen's time; and yet Leland could not tell their first original.

Dr. Tanner, in a Letter to me from Xt Ch. of the 19th of May, 1730, tells me that upon the Patent Roll, 34 Ed. III, pt. 2, m. 2, is mention of
10 the Prior and Brethren of the College *Calendarum* at Bristoll. And as the Valuation in Dugdale shews the House to be in being 26 Hen. VIII, so from Mr. Willis's book of Abbies, vol. ii, p. 88, it appears that there were pensions paid in Q. Marie's time to one or more Priests, who upon the Dissolution had been deprived of their maintenance in this Priory. Dr. Tanner noted also that he had put down under this House that among the late Peter le Neve's deeds he once saw an original lease of some House or Houses in Mersh Street, Bristoll, made by John Harlow, prior, and his Brethren under their common Seal, dated in 6 Ed. IV. He likewise observed that there was a Religious House of the like Name
20 at Winchester. For on the Escaet Rolls for Hampshire 21 Ed. III, n. 44, is mention of the Prior and Brethren of the Fraternity of St. Peter in the Church of St. Maurice and College of St. Mary Kalender in Winchester, and on the Patent Roll 26 Ed. III, pt. 3, m. 9, is mention of the Prior of S. Maurice and St. Mary Kalender, Winton. All the messuages, lands, rents, &c., belonging to the College of St. Mary Kalender in Winchester were granted to the Maior and Commonalty of the same City by Q. Mary, Pat. 1 & 2 Phil. et Mariae.

The Abbat's name that compiled the Osney Register now at Xt Church, Dr. Tanner assured me (as he had done also the day before the
30 date of his Letter at my room), was certainly *Sutton*, and not *Quitton*, as in Brian Twyne.

May 28 (Thur.). Mr. James Gibson, of Wootton-Underwood, told me by Letter from thence of Dec. 29 last, that he had been informed & did take it for certain intelligence, that the New London Grammar would by no means take in Eaton School, and had good assurance that they are upon making further alterations for a new one. He added, that the said New Grammar tho' it be a learned & laborious work, yet it surpasses all that have been before it for unskillfull management.

May 29 (Fri.). Brian Twyne committs a great Mistake in his Apol.,
40 p. 341, where he makes Nicholaus Graecus, who assisted Rob. Grosthead in translating the Testaments of the XII Patriarchs, to have been Abbat of St. Alban's.

In the same place Twyne observes that, as Roger Bacon had extraordinary skill in Greek and Hebrew, so many Greek and Hebrew volumes (noted with his own hand) are still remaining to testifie the same.

John, not Richard I; the two Aldermen are much older, probably dating from Saxon times. Richard I granted nothing to the Town of Oxford; the privilege of serving in the King's Butlery on the Coronation day, and of possessing the same rights as London, beloned to Oxford in the reign of Henry II, and probably earlier.—Ed.

Mr. Willis, in the 2nd Volume of his Book of Abbeys, tells us Hugh, Abbat of Osney, died anno 1205, and was succeeded by Clement; but an anonymous MS. Chronicle (lent me by Mr. West) says the said Hugh died anno 1202 & was succeeded by the said Clement, who according to this Chronicle was Prior of that Abbey before.

May 30 (Sat.). The Senior Regent Master at the University of Cambridge is stiled *magister Glomeriae*, and the other Regent Masters (because of their being under his command) are usually called Glomerelli, as is observed by Bryan Twyne in his Apol., p. 257. Ask Mr. Baker about this. Hugh, Bp of Ely, was the first that instituted *magister 10 Glomeriae*, and gave him a Power of hearing all causes of the *Glomerelli*, in prejudice to the Chancellour, to whose cognizance they before belonged.

Tho' Mr. James Gibson had told me on the 29 of Dec. last that the New London Grammar would not take in Eaton School, yet before that, viz. on the 16 of the same month, he said in a Letter to me that at Eaton they teach this new Grammar, & asking a Gent. how it took, his answer was, *pretty well*, from whence he concluded the London and Eaton Masters had been & would be all at work to mend it.

May 31 (Sun.). Matthew Paris and other Authors tells us that the reason of the Oxford Scholars being so much against the Pope's Legat 20 Otho was the Legat's pride, and yet Mat. Parker, in his life of Edmund, seems to note from Fabian that it was occasioned by the Legate's making a Decree or constitution against Clergymen's having wives or concubines, on ^{wh} occasion he badly calls the Legate Othobon instead of Otho. But this is a false reason, as Twyne observes (p. 274) from a MS. of the Constitutions in Balliol College Library, where there is no Constitution that belonged more to Oxford than the Cambridge Clergy. Of this I would willingly see what that MS. says, ^{wh} I may have an opportunity of doing, if I see Mr. Sandford of that College, who not long ago offered to shew me any MS. they have, tho' the order of the books be changed from what 30 'twas formerly.

Thomas Gascoign remarks in his Theological Dictionary (as I find by a Specimen thereof communicated to me by Dr. Tanner) that in old time, when Law and Law Suits were not minded in Oxford, good Letters flourished far more than when contests in Law arose and were followed, and 'twas (it seems) at that time that there happened to be 30,000 students at Oxford. He speaks of this under the word *Lex*.

On Monday, May 25, Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. set out with his Tutor, Mr. Zinton,¹ of that College, in order to view and survey some of the most considerable places of South Wales, and to enquire (at my 40 Request) particularly about the Religious Houses there.

Anno 1327, the Mayor & Citizens of Oxford (Edmund de la Beche being head), joyning themselves with the Townsmen of Abbington, went at midnight in a great body with Torches and Candles & burnt the Manour of Northcote belonging to the Abbey of Abbington; after ^{wh} they set upon the Abbey itself & ransacked it in a terrible manner, partly killing &

¹ His name was Zinzan.—Ed.

partly putting to flight the Monks. For ^{weh} the Ringleaders were afterwards hanged at Wallingford, as appears from the history of the Abbey of Abbingdon, quoted by Mr. Twine in p. 299 of his Apology, ^{weh} History is (without doubt) very worthy to be read all over by such as have an opportunity.¹

June 1 (Mon.). It seems the University of Oxford was so damaged by the before-mentioned Riot and Disturbance at Abington that had not the Scholars of Merton College continued, very few would have remained to have carried on the University Affairs, as Mr. Twine observes, p. 299, 10 from Mr. Stow & from certain verses of an uncertain Author *de revocandis scholaribus* ^{weh} the said Mr. Twine found prefixed to Master Dumbleton's Quaestions in Merton Coll.

June 2 (Tu.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge hath nothing more from the B^p of Peterborough (besides B^p Humphrey's Papers that he sent me) except *Collectanea Antonii a Wood e registris Coll. Merton*, part of which he sent to Mr. Anstis, hoping it might be of use to him. Had there been any thing concerning Mr. Wood's life, Mr. Baker would have sent it me, or had the B^p been yet living, he doubts not he could have borrowed his Book, for he lent him Gunton's history of Peterborough, &c., noted and 20 enlarged with his own hand so much that he seemed to intend another Edition.

In turning Dr. Brady's Papers, Mr. Baker hath met with nothing concerning Hemyingford, nor indeed of History so much as Records, ^{weh} he had good opportunity of perusing.

June 3 (Wed.). The following Epitaph is just put up on a noble monument in Faringdon Church to M^{rs}. Ann Pye, who died of the small pox, a fine beautifull Lady & of great Virtues. I had it from the stone-cutters at Oxford.

[Inscription on Anne, wife of Henry Pye, who died Oct. 6, 1739.]

30 **June 4 (Thur.).** On Wednesday, May 27, about 7 Clock at night, one Webb, a young mason, was knocked on the head by the fall of a Stone from a Chimney in Catstreet, Oxon., that had been very loose a good while, & he had just fixt his Ladder to fasten it, but it fell suddenly upon him, as another piece of it did upon the labourer with him, and he died the next day, leaving two Children, & his wife is big of another, but the labourer is like to recover.

Mr. Baker hath now outlived all his Friends at Benet College & hardly knows the face of any one there; so that he is become a stranger to their Library, ^{weh} he says is the less grievous, since his eyes will not reach dim 40 or antient MSS. This he observed to me upon account of my mentioning to him Hemyingford in Bennet College Library.

He says of Mr. Nich. Ferrar he sent me all that he knew (^{weh} was not much) when I published an Account of the Protestant Nunnery. Since that, I have obtained many Things relating to that Nunnery from Mr. Worthington.

¹ This Chronicle is printed in the *English Historical Review* for 1911, p. 727.—Ed.

June 5 (Fri.). On Thursday, May 28, came to Oxford with his Lady and Daughter, the Earl of Oxford, and Dr. Conyers Middleton of Cambridge was with him.

The said Earl was married in 1714, just after w^{ch} he was with his Lady in Oxford.

L^d Oxford told me yesterday that he hath no MS. of Thomas Otterbourne's Chronicle.

L^d Oxford lent yesterday to Mr. Hutchenson of Hart Hall a MS. of Columella w^{ch} Mr. Hutchenson afterwards shewed me. 'Tis on Vellum. I take it to have been written about the year 1400. 10

L^d Oxford hath a Transcript of the Historical Passages in Tho: Gascoigne's Historical Dictionary. He said 'twas taken from Mr. George Harbin's, who assured him 'twas all. I must remember to write about this to Mr. Harbin.

Last night called upon me Dr. Middleton Massey, formerly of Brasnose College, & an assistant at the Ashm. Museum.

He is an honest Gent. & curious. He is married, & his wife is with him, and they lodge at the Principal's Lodgings in Brasnose College.

He was entered of the University in 1697. He was born in Cheshire.

He draws well, and is making an exact Draught of our English coins 20 since the Conquest.

He took no Degree at Oxford, being a Non Juror, but had a Dr's. Degree in Physick from Scotland by Diploma.

He practised Physick formerly in the Isle of Ely, and now at Stepney, where he lives.

He said that soon after he was entered of Oxford he purchased a MS. of Chaucer, a Folio MS. (a fine one) of Gower's Confessio Amantis, and a MS. of Boetius, some of w^{ch} was in Saxon, for 5s., w^{ch} he afterwards parted with to Humphrey Wanley for 15s.

Dr. Conyers Middleton told me that Mr. Baker, of Cambridge, is in the 30 73rd year of his age.

June 6 (Sat.). Amongst Dr. Brady's MSS., Mr. Baker meets with a large printed sheet, or two sheets pasted together, containing *Exemplar Literarum quas Comites et Barones Angliae miserunt Papae super negotio Sclotorum anno regni regis Edwardi primi 29. Oxford, printed by Leon. Lichfield, 1679*, from a MS. in Corpus Ch. Coll. Oxon., with the Seals and Arms of the subscribers. *This I doubt not*, says Mr. Baker, *you have seen, both original and printed Copy*. NB. I have seen the printed one in the hands of Mr. Loveday, of Magd. Coll., who also had one part of another printed Copy, w^{ch} he gave to me, but I never saw the MS. at 40 Corpus. The Society of Antiquaries have lately printed in Copper another Ed. from a MS. in another place, but without the English, & without any notice of the Oxford Edition, w^{ch} I suppose they knew nothing of.

In pag. 1 of the 32nd of these Volumes I have noted that Mr. Daniel Langhorne was reported to be the Author of the Continuation of Baker's Chronicle. Remember to ask Mr. Baker, of Cambridge, about this.

June 7 (Sun.). Mr. Baker, in his Letter of Mar. 10 last from Cambridge, tells me that B^p Humphrey's Additions to and Corrections of

Athenae, Oxon., w^{ch} he had sent me, were sent to him by B^p Kennett with design of publishing them, & so can reasonably presume his consent to make them public, and has no surer way than by me.

Mr. Baker hath not met with any of the name of Drum taking a Degree in the University of Cambridge near the time I mentioned to him, & their Matriculation Book beginning at the year 1544, nothing can be met with there.

John Fryth, A.B., and John Akars, A.B., appear as sent to the Cardinal's College, so likewise was one John Fryer, Henry Sumpner,
10 & Richard Cox, of King's College, & Dr. Caius adds Mich. Drum, &c.

Mr. Baker knows nothing of Roger B., nor of any antient Orders concerning their Cambridge Library, but he observes that B^p Cobham's at Oxford (what I had told him) *neque cum cultello* was a provident & wise order, for a reason he will venture to tell me, tho' it concerns a Friend. Mr. Baker had the same opinion of Mr. Edw. Llyud that I have (as a plain, open, hearty man, *sine fuco*) till he came to Cambridge, where, being trusted in the public Library, he met with a Juvenius MS. of the age of 1,000 years in his opinion, & there being some antient British Notes (Cumbrian, Mr. Baker thinks) in the Margin, he cut 'em out with
20 a Penknife, w^{ch} after his death being found among his Papers, were returned (thro' Mr. Baker) by Mr. Wanley.

He was likewise trusted in their Coll. Library of St. John's. Mr. Baker will charge him with nothing, but they had a little portable MS. in one of the Northern Languages (sometime belonging to the Lady Arabella). Mr. Baker never could meet with it, since he was there, & it is now lost. *But this* (says Mr. Baker) *to yourself, my Good Friend.*

June 8 (Mon.). This Spring, 1730, they pulled down the old Kitchin and Hall of All Souls Coll., and now they are building new ones, w^{ch}, tho' they may be perhaps more fine in appearance, yet all that I have
30 heard speak therof, say they will be nothing near so strong as the old ones, w^{ch} were built as if the Founder designed they should last for ever.

The Church of St. Mary in Oxford was the principal or chief church of the *Clerus* or Scholars (for that was the meaning of *Clerus* in those times) in the reign of Edw. II, as Brian Twyne observes, p. 301 of his Apology, but how long before that time it was so, I cannot at present tell precisely, tho' no doubt but it was some years,

St. Frideswyde's Fair was in old Time a most famous thing, & merchants and Tradesmen used to come thither from all Parts. It was first granted by Hen. I to be kept within the Bounds of the Priory of St. Frideswide
40 every year, upon the Feast of St. Benedict, Jan. 12, for 12 days together, which afterwards Hen. III translated to St. Frideswide's day, 19 Oct. It was kept in St. Frideswide's meadow. During the Fair the Prior of St. Frideswide had vast Privileges, and as soon as it began, the keys of all the Gates of the City used to be surrendered or delivered up to him by the Major & Bailiffs, in token of his having the Custody of the whole Village of Oxford at that time, during w^{ch} the Religious of that Place had the custody of assize of Bread and Ale & of weights & measures. But it seems great complaints were made in the time of Ed. III of the Remissness or Negligence of the Canons of St. Frideswide in this affair, w^{ch}

indeed was so great that afterwards, in the Reign of Ric. II, the Chancellour of the University put out an Edict, forbidding the Merchants to come there any more, & commanding the Fair to be discontinued; & thereupon the Scholars would have thrown down their Booths, broke the Cords, & done other Mischieff, had not the King's officer at Arms come to Oxford & protected the Canons from the Rage of the Scholars. See Brian Twyne, p. 305.

June 9 (Tu.). In an old Rent-roll of Warwick, &c., lent me lately by Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., dated the 3rd of Hen. VIII, is mention made of Master John Rous, capellanus (son of Geffrey Rous, of 10 Warwick) then living. I have transcribed in another Book some few Particulars from the said Rent-roll.¹

The said Mr. Ward, as I hear, was lately made one of the Aldermen of Warwick.

Theobaldus Stampensis seems to have been Head of some College or Hall at Oxford. He was a Secular himself, and as he was a great Friend of the Seculars, so he wrote against the Monks, & his book (*libellus*) against them is cited by Br. Twyne as being in the Oxford Library, beginning thus: *Thurstando, Dei gratia laudabili Eboracensium Archiepiscopo, Theobaldus Stampensis magister Oxenfordiae, sic Christi summi 20 Pontificis vicem gerere, ut inter ejusdem Vicarios sedem mereatur obtinere &c.*

June 10 (Wed.). On Thursday, June 4, 1730, the Earl of Oxford (Edward Harley) was at my Room at Edmund Hall from ten Clock in the morning 'till a little after 12 Clock, together with Dr. Conyers Myddleton, of Trin. Coll. in Cambridge, and my Lord's nephew, the Hon. Mr. Hay of Xt Church, & Mr. Murray of Xt Church. A convocation had been called in the morning about 8 Clock by Mr. Whistler, one of the yeoman Beadles, to be held at 2 Clock in the afternoon. About xi Clock Mr. Whistler came to my Lord at my Room with the Vicechancellour's service to my Lord, telling him that the Vicechancellour 30 would wait upon his Lordship at his Lodgings at Sir John Boyce's at 2 Clock. My Lord modestly replied, he would wait upon the Vicechancellour at his (the Vicechancellour's own) Lodgings, but recollecting a little, he told Whistler (who had his Beadle's staff all the time in his hand) he would be at home to expect the Vicechancellour, & he sent the Vicechancellour his service at the same time. Then Mr. Whistler addressed himself to Dr. Middleton, telling him the Vicechancellour presented him with his service, and offered that, if he pleased, he would have him have the Degree of Dr. of Div. conferred upon him by way of

June 10, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. II. 162). Sent three weeks ago, by letter, a copy of the Creed of Peter le Neve and also a guinea, being the subscription of Thomas Granger gent. for *Caius*, 'neither of which I suppose came to your hands. . . I will remitt the money to you a safer way' [see Diary, June 20]. 'I had acquainted my friends, especially yourself, of the giver of Rastell, had his Lordship not enjoined me silence, but his Lordship by declaring his benefaction hath done me honour.'

¹ See above, pp. 27c-1.

being presented *ad eundem*, that is, that he should have the same honour here with respect to the Degree of Dr. of Div. as he had at Cambridge. The Dr. returned his service to the Vicechancellor, & said he accepted of the offer as a great Honour. Whistler went off, but returned soon back, & desired the Dr. would write down his name, ^{wh} accordingly he did. My Lord after this staid with me 'till after 12, and then went off with Dr. Middleton, Mr. Hay, & Mr. Murray, two menservants waiting all the time below. My Lord, all the time he was with me, diverted himself with looking upon books & in usefull beneficial Discourse. At two Clock
 10 the Convocation was held, and a great Concourse there was. My Lady Oxford & my Lady Margaret, the Earl's daughter and only child, being there, my Lord (who had many years before had the honorary Degree of M.A. conferred on him) was created Dr. of Civil Law, & Dr. Middleton was presented to the Degree of Dr. of Div., that is, admitted to what he had before had in Cambridge. My Lord was presented by Dr. Thompson (LL.D.) of St. John's Coll., who spoke (as I hear) chiefly about his skill in Politicks, instead of his being a great Friend to Learning & of his making a most noble collection of Books, written and printed. Dr. Middleton was presented *ad eundem* by the Margaret Professor,
 20 Dr. Jenner. My Lord &c. went out of Town on Saturday morning, June 6th, in order for Wimpole, but to see several Places of note as they went along.

June 11 (Thur.). My Lord Oxford told me at my Room at Edmund Hall, on Thursday, June 4th, 1730, that he hath now got the MS. of Sherington's Chantry that I printed at the end of the Antiquities of Glastonbury.

He then told me that 'twas himself that gave Rastell's Chronicle to Mr. West, he having two of them.

I told him several Persons had urged me to print Geffry of Monmouth.
 30 Dr. Middleton, upon this, said that this was one of the Books one of his Correspondents beyond Sea had also wished I would print. My Lord promised to let me know what MSS. he had of this Writer, particularly if he had any old one.

My Lord said he intended to have a short Catalogue or List taken of all his Historical MSS., particularly those relating to English History.

I happened to mention Mr. Drake, the Chirurgeon's design upon the
 40 Antiquities of York. My Lord never heard of it before. I then shewed him Mr. Drake's printed Scheme,¹ in which, among other things, is expressly mentioned that persons are now actually employed in searching & transcribing from the Harleyan Library (as well as the Bodleian, &c.) in order to the carrying on this work. My Lord said he knew no such Thing & wondered at the Impudence of the Man.

June 12 (Fri.). My Lord at the same time told me that he had abundance of Original Letters of our Kings, &c., that he had several of Mary Q. of Scots, & many of K. Charles I.

He said, what I had heard before, that Dr. White Kennett had made

¹ MS. Schelme.

vast additions to the 1st Ed. of *Athenae, Oxon.*, as if he intended to have put out an *Athenae* himself.

I asked him whether he had any of the MSS. papers of Dr. Humphreys, Bp of Hereford. He said not, and could not tell what was become of them.

Dr. Middleton said Mr. Baker corresponded not only with Kennett but with Bishop Burnett, and that he made Remarks by way of Correction, &c., upon the Bp's History of the Reformation, and that they are printed.

He observed that Mr. Baker had such an Interest in Kennett that he could have the use of any of his MSS. Collections at the least Motion. 10

My Lord told me old Mr. Strype, tho' considerably above fourscore, is now about printing another Folio or two, wch sure must be very heavy, considering how insipid a Writer he was, even in his younger Years.

Dr. Massey did tell me t'other day that Sr Hans Sloan's collection of Books and Curiosities is really worth at least fifty thousand libs.

June 13 (Sat.). On June 6, 1730, Dr. Tanner told me that Mr. Bisse, of Wadham College, when young, was much given to Antiquities, and that he was one of those that used to meet Anthony à Wood, and that that was the reason why Anthony made him one of his Trustees.

'Tis probable that Dr. White Kennett had Bp Humphreys's papers 20 from this Bisse, who is now a Dr. of Physick and lives in Hertfordshire, but I do not hear that he is good for much, being an hippish¹ man.

Dr. Tanner said that he had seen the said papers of the Bp, but he could never tell what really became of them, unless Bisse took them.

My Lord Oxford did tell me t'other day at my Room that he always looked upon White Kennett to be the Author of the Vindication of the Oxford Historiographer, abating what Anthony did of it himself.

June 14 (Sun.). Lord Oxford, when he was here, said he and some others (and Dr. Middleton agreed) were for having me publish a distinct account by itself of my works, containing all the particulars in each 30 Volume.

He said (and Dr. Middleton seconded him) he would have me reprint Leland's Itinerary and Collectanea, but in folio, and some others (particularly old Mr. Gwyn, of Ford Abbey) have been likewise urgent with me on that score. But this I decline, as not a point of honour to former subscribers & to such as have given great Prizes [*sic*] afterwards for the first edition. Yet they told me they believed no body whatsoever would be against it.

Arthur VanSittart, of Shottesbrooke, Esq., is a man of Honour and of good Sense. He is making a Collection of all the pieces published by 40 me, and in his Letter from Ormond Street, March 12, 1729, he informs me that, as they come to my hands, if I will furnish him with what he wants, they will be highly acceptable, on what Paper or on what outside so'ere [*sic*] they come.

At the same time he confessed that, tho' he was not well enough

c. June 14, 1730. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 29) [*see* Diary, June 23 and 24].

¹ Low-spirited. N. E. D.

acquainted with the Classicks, so as to justify his having 'em on his own account, yet as he hopes they will be usefull to those that come after him, he shall be obliged to me for such as I have published.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker what 'tis that he hath in Burnett's History of the Reformation, a book w^{ch} I have not, it being a book I never much fancied.

June 15 (Mon.). Thomas Gascoigne, in his book *de veritatibus collectis in modum tabulae, sive in dictionario Theologico*, hath a remarkable story under the word *Regnum* about Reginald Peacock's rejecting the
 10 originals of the Fathers, because they did not prove their sayings by natural reason, w^{ch} he afterwards recanted publicly before the Archbp and nobles of England, w^{ch} Abjuration of his Opinion he confirmed by this Rhythm:

*Wit hath wonder that reason cannot scan
 How a moder is meide and God is man.*

To w^{ch} he gave this equally pious Answer:

*Leue reson, beleife the wonder,
 Beleife hath mastrie and reson is under.*

This is taken notice of by Bryan Twyne in p. 308 of his *Apology*,
 20 where he likewise, from Gascoigne, observes that one Peter Payne wrote a fictitious letter of our University, he having previously stole the University seal, to the University of Prague about Wickliff. This Matter ought to be considered, especially since Twyne, from Fox, says that the University of Oxford had a great honour for Wickliff, and it seems this Letter was against Wickliff, as if the University of Oxford did not look upon Wickliff as an Heretick and were not for burning his bones.

June 16 (Tu.). On Tuesday, June 9, I returned, carriage paid, to James West, Esq., at No. 7 in Figtree Court in the Inner Temple, London, his Folio Vellum MS. containing Matters of English History in
 30 the Latin Tongue. The MS. formerly belonged to the Abbey of Malmesbury, after w^{ch} at length it came to Jervace Holles, as I have insinuated in my Preface to John Trokelowe's Annals, where I have printed from this MS. *Vita Edwardi II*, w^{ch} I have ascribed to *Monachus quidam Malmesburiensis*, whose name I know not. The first part of the MS. contains (as I take it) collections from other Historians, without a just order, yet the beginning goes regularly enough on. I returned also the Transcript of this first part. I returned the said MS. by Thomas Godfrey's waggon that puts up at the Oxford Arms in Warwick Lane.

June 17 (Wed.). On pag. 392 of John Trokelowe's Annals (in the
 40 account of the Benefactors to Winteneay Nunnery, from the Cotton Library) 3 *Idus Nov. Ob. Thomas Marescallus, episcopus Bathoniae*. 'Tis expressly so in the Transcript taken by Mr. Casley from the Cotton Library, sent me by Mr. West, who compared it. This Bp does not occur, that I remember, in the Catalogues of the Bishops of Bath.

On the 9th inst., being Tuesday, at night I looked over many of the writings belonging to the Company of Cordwainers of Oxford, the Master and many of the Company bringing them with them for that intent to one Shepherd's, a victualling House in King's Street, in

St. Peter's parish in the East. The Company's book in 4^{to} was written by one Thomas Barnet in the 20th year of Hen. VI, as I remember; but of that I have formerly made mention in one of these volumes. They have many *Inspeximuses* of our Kings, confirming their Charter. The oldest *Inspeximus* I saw was Ric. II's, in w^{ch} is mention of some before, & in it of Hen. II's Charter, & from it I gather that the Gild or Fraternity first began in the Reign of Hen. I, & that their Customs in the reign of Hen. I were reduced into a Charter by Hen. II, so that we must not look for their Charter beyond Hen. II's reign, notwithstanding they had particular customs before. This original Charter they say they certainly 10 have, tho' they have not been able to find it as yet. They design to search farther & to let me know, they having desired me to peruse them for them, upon account of Forreigners exercising the Trade upon them without being of the Gild, and yet their Charter gives them such a privilege as that no one shall exercise it either in Oxford or the Suburbs, but such as are really of the Gild. They are called *Corvasarii* and *Corduanarii*. The *Corvasarii* are the coblers.¹ At the beginning of the little 4^o book is a short form of bidding Prayer, in w^{ch} they are commanded to pray for the Fraternity & for the Souls of the Kings that have been their Friends, & particularly for the soul of him that first purchased 20 their Charter.

June 18 (Thur.). The Quitrent, the Company of Shoemakers used formerly to pay at Oxford, was an Ounce of Gold, to w^{ch} was afterwards added 5s. and then 2s., in all an Ounce of Gold and 7s. But 'tis less now.

Corvasarii, sutores veterinarii, qui corio veteri utuntur: Gallice, Sueurs de vieil, Savetiers. Diploma Henrici I in Regesto Chartarum Normanniae: 'Sciatis nos concessisse Willelmo Canuto & Osberto filio Huardi & sociis Cordewanariis & corvesariis Rotomagensibus ut habeant gildam suam bene & honorifice & plenarie de ministerio suo, sicut eam habuerunt.' 30 In Regesto Feodorum Carnoti, pag. 16, 'Les Corvoisiers qui vendent soulers ou marchie doivent chascun obole.'

June 19 (Fri.). On Thursday, June 11, 1730, in the evening, a little before six of the Clock, the Master and three or four others of the Company of Cordwainers of Oxford (one of w^{ch} was Mr. Browne) called upon me at Edmund Hall and shewed me some more of their old writings, among w^{ch} I found the oldest Charter they have, viz. that of Hen. III, dated Dec. 18, in the 45th year of his Reign.

The said Charter mentions a Charter of Hen. II and repeats it, but 'twas to the *Corvesars* or *Corvesers*, who, it seems, began their Gild in the 40 time of Hen. I, and their Customs were granted by Charter, and so their Gild was established by Hen. II, their Quit Rent being an Ounce of Gold.

¹ Hearne wrote first: 'The *Corvasarii* are the Curriers, who were formerly of the Company, however discontinued now.' This is probably more correct, the *Corversers* being makers of leather, i.e. tanners. But the meaning of the word is not certain. A complete account of the records of the Oxford Cordwainers is to be found in the *Archaeological Journal*, vol. vi. Since that date (1849) the Guild of Cordwainers has ceased to exist, and all the books and charters are in the possession of Mrs. Morrell, of Black Hall, except that Book A (1483-1535) is missing—Ed.

In Hen. III's reign, viz. 1260, as above, the Cordwainers were ingrafted or received into the Body of the Corvesars by virtue of the said Charter of Hen. III, for w^{ch} Incorporation 5s. was added to the Quit Rent. So that the Corvesars were of greater Antiquity in Oxford than the Cordwainers & at first were put before them in writings, tho' afterwards the Cordwainers were put first, and sometimes the Corvesars were omitted, and at length they were quite left out & their name quite unknown, insomuch that the shoemakers of the present age & even before do not so much as know any thing of the Term, & it seemed very strange to the
 10 Cordwainers of Oxford when I first read & explained the word to them.

As I take it, before Hen. III's time, there were no Cordwainers in Oxford,¹ but new shoes were brought from other places, & the Corvesars furbished them & repaired or mended them, as there was occasion; but after the Cordwainers became incorporated they soon grew above the Corvesars and threw them out, so as to neglect even the Charter that had been granted to them by Hen. II, w^{ch} does not now appear, nor are the Cordwainers solicitous that it should, not caring to hear that the Corvesars are ancients.

In Ed. II's time a Charter was granted by that King with a privilege
 20 that none but of the Gild should exercise the office of a Cordwainer in the suburbs of Oxford (the privilege before being only confined to the village itself) for w^{ch} an addition of 2s. was added to the Quit rent, so as to make the whole an Ounce of Gold and seven shillings.

In Hen. VI's time good shoes were at 2d. a pair, as appears from their Book, where are many other Customs of good Remark, as there are likewise in all the other writings of the Company, but I wrote down nothing and only hastily perused them; so what is here put down is all from memory.

June 20 (Sat.). Meeting old Mr. Bourne (who lives at Rewley)
 30 on June 12th upon Botley Cawsey, and talking with him about the Corvesars (w^{ch} he had never heard of before) and Cordwainers of Oxford, he told me he had heard that the Shoemakers had a Charter of K. John's. I told him I thought it a mistake for Hen. III.

On the 10th June, 1730, Mr. West tells me he had received from me safe his MS. from w^{ch} I printed *Vita Edwardi II.*

He said about three weeks before he lost the best of Fathers after a lingering Decay.

He saith his Copy of the Customs of London hath not any Note or Memorandum when or by whom the same was printed.

40 'Petrus de Candia in summum Pontificem electus anno 1409, Jan. 26, et dictus Alexander papa quintus, bacchalaureus S. Theologiae Oxoniae & Doctor Theologiae Parisiis, uti ipse papa in concilio Pisano dixit domino Thomae Spofforth, abbati Ecclesiae beatissimae Mariae Eboraci, inquit Tho. Gascoigne in verbo Papa.'—Br. Twyne, p. 311.

June 21 (Sun.). Thomas Gascoigne, in verbo *Rex*, tells us that Hen. V designed to have reformed the University of Oxford & the Statutes

¹ We hear of many Cordwainers in Oxford before the time of Hen. III.—Ed.

that had been made by young men, so as that no Statute afterwards should be dispensed with by the Regents, and to have founded a College of Divines, to which he would have annexed all the alien Priories in England, but being prevented by Death, his son Hen. VI gave them to Eaton College & to St. Nicholas, i. e. King's College in Cambridge.

Mr. Ward, in a Letter I received from him on Dec. 22, 1729, tells me he hath a very fair Copy on Vellum of the Peterburg Psalter, finely illuminated in 4^o with the *Ecclesiastical Kalendar*; at the side of which are set downe those Anniversaries which were peculiar to this Church and their Neighbour, something different from that *Customary* mentioned by 10 Stevens in his Additions to the Monasticon, vol. i, p. 483, made (as he there says) by Rich. Ashton. But on a blank Leaf at the beginning of Mr. Ward's, in an old hand is writ, *Psalterium Roberti de Lindeseye abbatis*. Mr. Ward will send it, when I am more at leisure to look over it, if I desire it.

June 22 (Mon.). Henry V designed that his College should have been at Oxford, in the castle, & was to have been built just in the same manner as King's College was after built (at least begun to be built, for only the Chappel was finished) at Cambridge. 'Tis pity this design had not taken effect, and I think 'tis pity that some such College hath not 20 been since built in the Castle of Oxford, which would be a most glorious Ornament to the University and City of Oxford.

To ask Mr. Baker whether they have an old printed Book, being an anonymous Author *de vita Alexandri Magni*. And if so whether it appears at what place and when 'twas printed.

Also whether they have an old printed *Guido de Columpna, Historia destructionis Trojae*, & whether it appears also where & when this was printed. They were both printed before 1500.

I have both, but neither the year nor place of printing appears. I am apt to think both were printed at Oxford much about the time that 30 *Ruffinus de Fide* was printed there, which was in the year 1468.

Thomas Gascoigne was a great Admirer of Robert Grosthead, B^p of Lincoln, and at the end of his Book *de cura Pastoralis* he wrote a note published by Brian Twyne, p. 347, where Gascoigne observes that the *Clerus Oxoniae* wrote a Letter to Pope Clement the IVth, to have him canonized, at which time they signified that he was called St. Robert in England, and he tells us that a Copy of that Letter was in *monasterio canonicorum de Oseney*. Quaere about that Letter and endeavour to get a copy of it, if it be in being. He held some opinions against the corruptions of the Church of Rome, which was the reason his Canonization was 40 denied, as I presume. Ask Dr. Thomas Tanner & Mr. Baker.

June 23 (Tu.). Anthony Blackwall was of Emanuel College, where he went out Bac. of Arts an. 1694 & proceeded M^r of Arts in the same College anno 1698. He had a son that was lately Fellow of that College. M^r. Baker, in a Letter without Date I received June 16.

They have no such custome now at Cambridge of creating Masters of Arts by putting a Hood over their Heads or Faces: but that ceremony has been lately used at the Creation of Doctors at the Commencement, and, M^r. Baker is told, is to be omitted at the next (now approaching), which is

like to be very solemn, great Preparations are making, and Lodgings are already taken up in Town. *Idem.*

June 24 (Wed.). All our Authors, in Mr. Baker's opinion, have been mistaken in the Magister Glomeriae. 'He was,' says he, '(as you say) the Head of the Regents, had a Jurisdiction, was under or confirmed by the Archdeacon, as the Chancellor was by the B^p of Ely before our Exemptions from Rome. The *ratio nominis* is hard to find. In our old Books, I meet with Glomer Lane, but whether it gave name to the *Magister* or he to it, by holding his Assemblies there, I cannot say.
10 Perhaps neither, & it may be derived a *Glomerando*, by gathering his Assemblies about him in a Ring. The last that I have met with that bears the name was Sir John Cheek, then Mr. Cheek.'

That Dean Langhorn was Author of the Continuation of Baker's Chronicle, Mr. Baker hath not heard. 'You know,' saith he, 'Philips is the reputed Author, an Honor that will hardly be contested.'

'Because you may have heard at Oxford, as we have at Cambridge, of the Archb^p of Canterbury's [Dr. Wake's] Illness, I can acquaint you that I had a long Letter, dated Jun. 7, 1730, from his Grace (by the last Post) all in his own fair hand, w^{ch} he could not have found time for, had he been
20 a dying. But this to yourself.' *Idem.*

The Author of Bevis of Southampton was Lydgate. See Thomas Key's *Vindiciae*, p. 333.

On Friday morning, June 19, died M^{rs}. Appleby, wife of Mr. Appleby, tallow-chandler, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, after a long lingering sickness, w^{ch} ended in a Consumption. She was neece of the late learned Dr. Edward Bernard.

June 25 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, June 15:—

Paris, June 17, N.S. On the 10th instant an Experiment was made of the
30 two great Bells, weighing 40,000 Pound weight each, and four lesser, which have been cast here for the King of Portugal, in the presence of several musicians and other men of skill, who found the Tone of them very harmonious and free from any Defect. The two big ones are 12 Foot and a half high, and they are now going to be framed, in order to be carried to Port St. Nicholas and put on board a great Boat for Rouen, where a Ship attends to carry them to Lisbon.

There is lately dead the Rev. Mr. Cheney of Oxford, by whose Death an Estate of 5 or 600 lib. per annum falls to his Widow (by whom it came to him) and after her Death to his Son.

40 The said Mr. Cheyney (whose X^{tian} name was William) died at Abbing-ton about three Weeks since. His House, where he lived many years, is

June 24, 1730. Mr. Drake of York to H. (Rawl. 14. 105). Sends the 'Advertisement of the publication of a History, which I make noe doubt will be Acceptable to all true Loyalists & Friends to their Country. Such Eminent zeal and real Service to their Injured Sovereign deserves a Perpetual Memorial. The Papers fell accidentally into my Hands, most of them never before printed'. Wishes to know if there exists, either in print or manuscript, a history of Pontefract by Thomas de Castleford; it is quoted by Fuller and Bale.

in Stockwell Street, by High Bridge, Oxon. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Pemb. Coll. on June 30, 1693. He used his wife very ill.

June 26 (Fri.). On Friday, June 12, Mr. Pescod, a young M.A. & Demy of Magd. Coll., Mr. Lisle, Mr. Wells, & Mr. Barnes, three Bach. Demys of the same Coll., were convened before the President &c. of that College, as they were several times after, and on Thursday morn, June 18, Pescod and Wells were expelled the College for Blasphemy and other vile Practices. This Pescod is the same that some time ago would have seized young Brazier the glover's wife, as she was going home with her husband & Mr. Leaver, at which time he received a Wound.

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About the old way of disputing at Oxford, see what Br. Twyne notes from Tho. Gascoigne, p. 349 of his Apol.

June 27 (Sat.). Doctors of Div., Canon Law, Physick, and Civil Law, from the time of the foundation of the University of Oxford to the time of Thomas Gascoigne anno 1456, wore round caps, but what caps Masters of Arts, &c., wore he does not tell. They were different from the former, web belonged only to the Doctors specified. Mr. Twyne (in p. 372) hath transcribed Gascoigne's note in the word *Pileum* upon that occasion. The said round caps (as I take it) were of silk.

Mrs. Appleby was buried on Sunday, June 21, at Holywell in Oxford, by 20 her mother, who was sister to Dr. Edw. Bernard. She was buried in Holywell churchyard. She was aged 55.

Brian Twyne had read John Gower's *Chronicon Quadripartitum*, as appears from his Apology, p. 309, where he cites a passage from it, viz. *Tunc aper Oxoniae recidit a sede sophiae*, which passage relates to Thomas Duke of Gloucester's having put a foxe's tail upon his spear, vanquished [*sic*] the Earl of Oxford, near Oxford. This Chronicle is compleat in the Cotton Library, but Dr. Mead told me that 'tis not fit to be published, as I have signified in my Preface to *Vita Ricardi II*, and yet Dr. Tanner, when I mentioned the matter to him, wished that it were 30 printed, because, he said, men of judgment in our History would find great use from it. Dr. Tanner hath seen it himself & perused it, but then I knew not whether so deliberately and considerably, as such a matter requires.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether when their books are in order there be any design of printing a Catalogue of them. If such a thing be done, I am fully perswaded their printed Books will exceed (in that particular) our Library at Oxford, notwithstanding we excell them in MSS.

June 28 (Sun.). An Inscription in Capitals on 3 sides of the Tower 40 of the Great Church at Warwick, given me by Mr. Loveday, June 23, 1730. On the north side: *Templum B. Mariae Collegiatum, primitus a Rog. de Novo Burgo com. Warw. temp. Steph. R. instauratum, postea*

June 28, 1730. Edmund Hearne to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 369; Diaries, 126. 125). Thanks for the present sent to White Waltham, which, however, he has not yet received. Desires to know whether his mother-in-law is alive, and where his brother William and sister are. *For the rest see Diary, July 9.*

a Tho. de Bello Campo c. Warw.; (on the west side) ex toto reedificatum anno MCCCXIII. Conflagratione stupenda non aris, non focus parcente, dirutum, Sep. MDCXIII; (on the south side) novum hoc, pietate publica inchoatum et provectum, regia absolutum est, sub laetis Annae auspiciis anno memorabili MDCCIII.

On Wed., June 24, 1730, died Mr. Thompson, parish clarke of St. Clement's near Oxford, in an advanced age.

June 29 (Mon.). Thomas Elmham, Prior of Lenton, is quoted by Br. Twyne in p. 312 of his Apol.; but I think Mr. Twyne had perused 10 the Book in verse only, and not the Prose.

The Townsmen of Oxford, being very much against the Privileges of the University, in a Parliament begun at Gloucester by Hen. IV, petitioned, with the Barkshire men, that the King's Charter, by w^{ch} the Scholars were to be tryed by no other Judge *in quibuscumque proditionis, feloniae, et mahemii quaestionibus* but their Steward, should be revoked; and this petition was of such force that anno Christi 1410, in the Parliament at Westminster, an attempt was made to diminish the University of Oxford's Privileges but without effect, the King on the contrary granting that the Chancellour of Oxford might, at the end of 20 years, signify to the 20 Chancellour of England the names of such as disturbed the Peace of the University, a privilege w^{ch} the University may still, if they please, make use of;¹ see Twyne, p. 313.

There are just come out two Tables, containing the publick Buildings of the University of Oxford and Cambridge, w^{ch} I was about to buy, they being 1/6 each, only happening to be looking over Oxford I found not only Dates to be wrong, but Corpus X^{ti} College to be quite omitted, as are also the Museum, the Printing House, &c. Whether Cambridge be as bad I cannot say, tho' I much question whether it be right.

The famous Mr. Joshua Barnes of Cambridge abstained from Prayers 30 and from the Oath to the Prince of Orange, till such time as the Nation was settled, as I find by a Letter I have of his, given me with many other Papers several years ago by his Widow.

Laurence Eachard, when of Cambridge, was a very bad composer in Latin, a thing he was so very sensible of, that being to make a Logick speech, he composed it in English & sent it to Mr. Barnes, with an earnest Request that he would put it into Latin for him. Of this I have Mr. Eachard's own Letter to Mr. Barnes.

June 30 (Tu.). On Wednesday morning, June 10, 1730, died of a total suppression of Urine, Elizabeth, the wife of Jer. Bishop, of Godstowe near Oxford, and was buried in Wolvercote Churchyard on Friday, 40 June 12 following. They were married [see vol. 125, p. 74] on Oct. 9, 1719. She had not made water (unless for some few little drops at first) for xi days together, before she died. She was a notable industrious woman. She drank an immoderate Quantity of small Beer, and hardly any other liquor, w^{ch} was one principal cause of the Strangury.

¹ Hearne has misunderstood Twyne, who here refers to the fact that on Nov. 4, 1399, Henry IV granted for twenty years that the Chancellor of Oxford, on signifying to the Chancellor of England the name of any one who had remained excommunicated for forty days, should have a writ for his arrest, such as diocesan bishops had.—Ed.

Matth. Paris tells us of a great Fray at Oxford upon account of 3 scholars that were innocently hanged without the Village of Oxford, by command of the King, by the Maior, &c., for a Woman's being accidentally killed by another Scholar, of ^{wh} murder those 3 Scholars knew nothing. The Scholars were so disturbed and enraged at this that they all left the Town & there did not so much as one remain, so that to the number of three thousand going off, some went to Cambridge, some to Reading, and some to Maidstone. See Brian Twyne, p. 268.

Quaere how it came to pass that Mr. Barnes's design of writing the Life of Pindar and prefixing it to the Oxford Edition miscarried. I under-¹⁰stand he had such a design from a Letter I have, written to him by Dr. Edward Bernard & Dr. Charlett. Dr. Charlett's part is at the Bottom of Dr. Bernard's, & Dr. Charlett expressly mentions it.

July 1 (Wed.). On Friday evening, June 27, 1730, meeting with Mr. Graves, eldest son and heir of my late friend Mr. Richard Graves, in High Street, Oxford, I had a little discourse with him about his Affairs. Tho' his father died intestate, yet he hath by the direction and assistance of friends made a prudent settlement and provision for the other Children. He was during his father's life Commoner, but now he is Gentleman Commoner, of University College. His father left a choice collection of ²⁰ books in History & Antiquities. His Son said he intended to sell them; Antiquities, he said, being a dry, unprofitable Study. I asked him what he would study; he said, the Civil Law, and would proceed Dr. in it and endeavour to get some place in Chancery. I advised him by all means to keep his books, told him that Antiquities would be of great service in the Civil Law, that no study was more pleasant than Antiquities, and that all that loved it found profit & benefit sufficient. I suppose he had been talking with & byassed by some illiterate fine sparks. I brought him to this, that he will (as he said) keep all his books of English History and Antiquities, but part with the books of Coins, &c., but I dissuaded him ³⁰ what I could from parting with his books of Coins & hope my advice may be effectual.

July 2 (Thur.). About 3 weeks since, died at London the Rev. Mr. John Kerie, alias Peniston, rector of Sunningwell near Abbington in Berks. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Christ Church, of ^{wh} he was then Student, on Ap. 1, 1704. Dr. Nat. Thompson, of St. John's Coll., is made rector of Sunningwell in his room.

On Friday, June 27, the Rev. Mr. W^m Derham was created in Convocation, by Diploma, Dr. of Divinity. This person, who is Fellow of the Royal Society, and hath written and published many Things for the ⁴⁰ service of Religion and Learning, took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Trin. Coll. Oxon. on July 4, 1683.

July 1, 1730. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 18. 49). Sends extracts about Nicholas Ferrar from the 'Prefatory View' in the *Life of George Herbert*.

July 2, 1730. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 47). Wrote to R. on April 8, but has not heard from him since. Asks for information about Rastell's Chronicle, and reminds R. that he promised to lend a Thing about Prince Charles and a Tract about Stamford.

Dr. Samuel Clarke of St. James's was born Oct. 11, 1675. He died May 17, 1729.

Serenus Cressy begun a second part of his Ecclesiastical History of Great Britain, but before he had got 300 years after the Conquest he died, as Mr. Wood tells us. Quære what became of the MS.

July 3 (Fri.). The 3 Scholars that were hanged by the Townsmen of Oxford were much talked off [*sic*] & afforded matter to some Historians, particularly to Matt. Paris. The punishment of the Townsmen was to go to every church in Oxford barefooted and barebacked, with rods in their hands, & to receive absolution from the Parish priests and to pay a mark of silver every year to the Scholars, w^{ch} the Townsmen got taken off afterwards, upon their giving part of the land called Middeney to Osney Abbey, upon condition that the Abbat of Osney every year paid a marc to the Prior of St. Frideswyde for the use of the University. Moreover, they were to entertain with a handsome collation every year, upon St. Nicholas's day, an 100 poor scholars, the Abbat of Eynsham being to pay 16 shillings yearly to the Collation or banquet, w^{ch} when the said Abbat of Eynsham afterwards refused, he was cited to the Chancellor's Court and was cast. See Br. Twyne, p. 269.

July 4 (Sat.). Mr. Anstis, in a Letter from Mortlake of 3rd April, told me (as he hath also done since) that as to Anthony à Wood's Diary he bought a few Pamphlets of S^r Peter Pett's executors and found in one of them two or three long letters of Wood's to him, relating to the prosecution carried on against him in the Vicechancellour's Court, upon the Character of the Lord Clarendon. Mr. Dale (then one of the titular Heralds) seeing them in his custody, offered to give him that History of his life in lieu of them, which Mr. Anstis lent to several persons, & probably he said I saw it from some of those to whom he had so lent it; adding that he had been told that there were some copies printed from it without acquainting him with it. [It was only a little book extracted chiefly from it.] He said he should not have taken that proceeding amisse, but should have readily consented, if he might have had a copy, & he thinks it was hard that he was omitted. He afterwards gave the Original to the present Earl of Oxford, in whose library he supposes it is still kept. [It is there still.] That is the History which, according to his memory, came down to the year 1672 [it comes only to 1659, breaking off in that year], which he once shewed to Dr. Tanner, who wondered by what methods it might come to Dr. Dale, and in truth he never acquainted Mr. Anstis with his Title to it, or the method whereby he obtained it. He added he thought the Doctor told him that he had the remainder of it, but that discourse was so many years since that he cannot charge his memory with it. [I have several times asked Dr. Tanner, who said he knew nothing of a Diary different from his Life, w^{ch} he hath & reaches to 1672; and yet this Life is another Thing from the Diary, reaching not only lower, but being also even in other places much fuller in many respects.] Mr. Anstis said withall, that he wished I could get him one of the printed copies w^{ch} was printed from his booke. [This I cannot do, but referred him to Dr. Rawlinson, not naming the Dr., however, by name, as will appear from the Answer I sent to Mr. Anstis, w^{ch} I shall here insert.]

July 5 (Sun.).

To John Anstis, Esq., Garter Principal King of Arms.

Sir, I am indebted to you for your Letter of the 3^d of April last, in w^{ch} you gave me some account of Anthony à Wood's Diary, that formerly belonged to you. But then that Book you had ends in 1659, and not as you insinuated in 1672. The Book that was printed was in some measure extracted from it. You are acquainted well with the Gentleman now in London that did it, & I suppose he may, as sure he ought to, furnish you with a copy of it. But indeed this Gentleman would never own it, notwithstanding when it first came out I expostulated with him about it. I have several times asked Dr. Tanner ¹⁰ about the second part of the Diary, but cannot find that he hath it, nor do I know how low it came, tho' I have often heard that it was brought near to the time of the Author's death, nor can I make any doubt of it, when I consider the method and resolution Mr. Wood had taken. Dr. Charlett promoted the little printed Book & 'twas dedicated to him, & accordingly I have seen the Dedication in one or more of the Copies. I am,

Sir, your obedient servant,
Tho: Hearne.

May 13, 1730.

July 6 (Mon.). I have got the 3rd impression of *A Priest to the 20 Temple, or the Country Parson*, by Mr. Geo. Herbert. Lond. 1675. At the end of w^{ch} is a *Prefatory View of the Life and Virtues of the Author*. Quaere who the Author of that Prefatory View was, w^{ch} in the first edition had been put at the beginning.¹

The Preaching, or Black, Friars formerly were of so great Reputation that none but such were made Confessors to our Kings, the first Bishop that was made Confessor to any of our Kings being W^m Hacylffe, B^p of Sarum, that was afterwards killed by persons of his own Diocess, as is noted by Thomas Gascoigne in his Dictionar. Theol., voc. *Castitas*: see Br. Twyne, p. 291.

On Sund., July 5, 1730, wrote to Mr. West to look immediately into his Rastall's Chronicle & to send me word forthwith, whether it appears when it was that the Book was printed. Mr. Murray's copy is imperfect where it should give light in that respect. ³⁰

July 7 (Tu.). On Friday, the 3rd of July, 1730, spending the evening with only Mr. Tayler of Univ. Coll., he told me that Browne Willis being lately in Oxford, & happening on Sunday, in the afternoon after St. Marie's sermon was done, to drop into the Common Room of Lincoln College, where some of the Fellows of the College were, such as Mr. Isham, Mr. Vesey, &c. (& Mr. Tayler himself was there likewise) he, Mr. Willis, took ⁴⁰

July 5, 1730. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 157) [see Diary, July 13]. 'This is a very busy day with us, and the two next will be like it; great resort of all sort of company and some of Quality, probably for the sake of the music which we have had these three days together. It is well for the Town, but a vast expence to the University. I keep as close as I can & shall neither hear nor see anything, and take the opportunity of conversing with you. Your worthy friend Mr. West is now with me, who presents you with his service & intends to see you shortly at Oxford, the best news I can send you.'

¹ Hearne subsequently added: 'He was Barn. Oley: see my Ed. of Thomas Key.'

occasion to discover that he communicated to me Prince Charles's Letter at the end of *Vila Ricardi II*, that it was copied from the original by his son, w^{ch} original had been lent him (the said Mr. Browne Willis) by Dr. Tanner, that he did not design I should publish it, & that he resented it.

In answer to w^{ch} I must observe that Mr. Willis both shewed and sent it me that I might (if I judged proper) make a publick use of it, that I did not make mention of his name because he had forbid it several times on occasions of this nature, that his communicating it in a publick manner by letting his son copy ¹ it for others was publishing it, that the publication
10 of it was no harm, since it would let the world judge whether it were a vicious Act the Prince was guilty of, as Mr. Willis had asserted it to me, at which time I told him that I took the Letter quite otherwise, and so indeed I have publickly signified, first in the Life of Ric. II., where the Letter is printed, & afterwards more plainly at the end of John Trokelowe's Annals. However, after all, were it an amorous Intrigue of the Prince, or had he been guilty of that very sin Mr. Willis said he was, yet for all that the Prince might have been the best Prince in the World, as certainly he was, one only single blemish or even two being not sufficient to denominate any one a lewd vicious Man, especially since the whole
20 Blame falls upon the Duke of Buckingham. But indeed (as I said) another Interpretation is to be given of the whole, whatever some would insinuate to the contrary.

In short, I am glad I did publish it, because the party made an odd story of it, & took occasion to talk thereof & seemed as if they were for destroying the Letter, a Thing Mr. Willis himself also seemed inclined to, and then they might represent the Matter as they pleased & lay the business of destroying it upon the Prince's friends. But I hope the original will be preserved, and so I told Dr. Tanner, when I saw him last, that I hoped care would be taken to have it preserved, w^{ch} will be an undenyable
30 Confirmation that what I printed was from Authority & that 'twas no fiction, as some have been apt to imagine.

But where is the hurt in printing the Letter of the Prince. Tho' he desired the Duke of Buckingham to destroy it, yet since the Duke did it not & it is got into the hands of such as may be presumed to be rather enemies than friends to the Stuarts & are for raking up what they can against him, it is for the Interest of the Stuarts that such a Letter should be preserved & not stifled, because the enemies would otherwise say that the friends of the Stuarts are wonderful industrious in concealing the Truth & in giving only one side of the Story. By representing all fairly,
40 such an Objection quite vanishes. And what a glorious Thing is it to find as little that can be objected against that most excellent Prince K. Charles I. The only Instance of any lascivious Insinuation is this Letter, and yet even that is so far from being clear Evidence that 'tis to be taken rather in a contrary meaning, & yet if even our Adversaries' sense be to be admitted, it nevertheless must be allowed that the whole blame falls upon the Duke of Buckingham, who had persuaded the Prince to meet this Lady, whoever she was.

¹ MS.: copying.

In my own vindication there is still another Thing to be offered, and that is partiality. How justly might that be alledged against me, were I to leave out, in publishing, Historical Facts what makes any way against the person whose virtues I speak of, especially should I give all on one side & but a part on the other. Have not I published to the world what I met with about the Immorality of John of Gaunt, Humphrey Duke of Gloucester (otherwise a most excellent Prince), Henry Prince of Wales (elder brother of Prince Charles), &c. ? and would not the world exclaim mightily, were I to expunge & suppress what might be said against Princes for whom I have the highest veneration, particularly when 'tis a seasonable & proper time to publish the Truth? In God's Name, let Truth prevail & let what use soever be made of the Letter I have printed, it will nevertheless upon examination be found that K. Charles I was the best of Princes, & that for all Piety, Virtue & Goodness he cannot be paralleled.

July 8 (Wed.). Quaere whether Lord Oxford hath not a Medal in Gold that was struck when there was a design of establishing an order of Knights of the Royal Oak. Nathaniel Booth of Gray's Inn told me to-day at my Room that my Lord hath such a medal.

Mr. Booth at the same time told me that he had heard at Bathe (from whence he is just returned) that in some short time would be undertaken an *Athenae Cantabrigienses*. He said he had it from several. But I fear 'tis too good news to be true.

Also he told me that he had several old valuable Writings relating to the Priory of St. John's of Jerusalem.

Mr. Booth was formerly of Brasennose Coll., viz. as long as when the Parliament was at Oxford in the latter end of 1680 & beginning of 1681, according to the English account.¹

Mr. Booth told me he had wrote in English *Notitia Hospitii Grayensis*, and that he would print it in an 8^{vo} volume.

Mr. Booth hath printed a little Book called *the Forest Laws*.

He hath also printed with a preface *God & the King*, shewing the Duty of Subjects to their Prince, 8^{vo}.

He hath likewise from an authentick MS. published the Right of Inheritance of the Crown of England stated in an Argument between Sir Nicholas Bacon, when L^d Keeper, and S^r Anthony Browne, when Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

Mr. Booth's Tutor at Brasennose Coll. was Mr. Joseph Walker, who took the Degree of M.A. on June 19, 1663.

Mr. Booth was a Commoner, having been entered about a year or two before the Oxford [Parliament]² & went to Gray's Inn about a year or two after, having been at Oxford in all about 3 years.

July 8, 1730. H. to the Earl of Oxford at Wimpole, 'by the Royston bag' (Diaries, 126. 120). Wishes to know the date and place of printing of Rastell's Chronicle, of which Lord Oxford has a copy. It is quoted by Dr. Caius of Cambridge.

¹ March & April, 1681.—Ed.

² This word is not in the MS.—Ed.

Mr. Booth's Uncle was the famous & most loyal Sr George Booth, afterwards made by K. Charles II, at the Restauration, Lord De la Mare. The King at the same time gave 10,000 libs. as part of an acknowledgment of his fidelity and great constancy. Mr. Booth's father, who was the younger and only brother, and acted by the same Principle of Loyalty & Virtue, was knighted & was made one of the Bedchamber. His name was Sir Nathanael Booth. His father had a grant by the said King, for his signal service, of the Prefine & Postfine of Cheshire, Chester, and Flintshire. Mr. Booth is now surveyor of the Revenue called the Green
 10 Wax, of wch however some great men endeavoured to hinder him, and 'tis observable that altho' it was only given him *durante beneplacito*, yet he hath behaved himself with that prudent conduct that they have not made the least attempt to deprive him of it; and yet the Salary (besides Perquisites) is worth 250 libs. per an.

Mr. Booth is now also Treasurer of Gray's Inn, having been chosen twice to that honourable Post successively. He is also Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the Society of Antiquaries.

He was lately chosen one of the Corporation for Propagating the Gospel in Forreign Parts.

20 He is likewise one of the Governours of Christ-Church Hospital.

Thomas Jett, Esq., my particular friend, is very lately dead. He was a very worthy man. He was one of the Auditors of the Exchequer.

Calling upon Dr. Tanner, Canon of X^t Church, this day in the afternoon, I asked him whether he would give leave that his name be mentioned by me as having communicated to me the Original of Mr. Wood's life, that I am about to print. He readily gave leave, leaving me however at liberty to do as I please.

July 9 (Thur.). On the 1st instant I received a Letter from my brother Edmund at Mangotsfield near Bristol, dated June 28, in wch he
 30 tells me that his Master told him, upon shewing him my Letter, that nothing remains of the Nunnery there now, but told him where it stood. My Brother hath been there, but nothing is to be seen, but a pretty large House built not many years. One old woman told my Brother that she drove plow for her father when a girl, and they grated upon the foundation of a Chimney in one of the Grounds. It lies about a quarter of a mile north east from the Church. There are the Lord Barkelay's arms in the Chancell of the Church now. The tithes and where it is supposed the Nunnery stood, and some more Lands in the parish, belong to Esq. Dole, who gives a minister 13 pounds a year for ever, but it is augmented lately
 40 by Queen Anne's Bounty money. Mr. Dole has lately sold the Tithes. The minister formerly did live in a house upon the above-said grounds. My brother adds that his Master saies Mr. Willis made search in his father's time about it.

July 10 (Fri.). Remember to observe to Mr. Baker that 'tis somewhat strange that there should be no copy of Rastall's Chronicle in Caius

July 9, 1730. Tanner to H. (Tanner MS. 456. 60). Has never seen Rastall's Chronicle, but sends a note about it which he had copied.

College Library, since Dr. Caius seems to have had a Copy thereof himself; for he cites him as one of his Authors; & whereas Caius himself was more a Roman Catholick than Protestant, it is the more likely that he would be carefull that due Regard should be had to Roman Catholick writers, of web Rastall was one. It was *emprinted in Chepesyde at the sygne of the Mearemayd next to Pollys gate cum Privilegio*, as may appear from what I have said pag. 83 of Vol. 93 of these Remarks or Collections, where also 'tis said 'twas in large folio & yet I remember Mr. Murray's copy (which however wants some Things) is but a small folio. But tho' twas printed in Chepeside, yet the year does not as yet 10 appear to me, and therefore I must make farther Enquiry, as also I must of the time when it ends.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 6, 1730:—

Oxford, June 25. One of our principal Colleges has been of late very much infested with Deists. Two of them, who were both on the Foundation, were expelled last week; and another, a Gentleman Commoner, was expelled this day; another Gentleman (against whom no positive Evidence could be brought, but violent Presumption only) had his Degree deferred two years, one of which he is to be close confined in the College, and during that Time to translate Mr. Leslie's Method with the Deists, with an Intent, if possible, to settle him 20 in that Point; so careful is the University in general of the Manners and Principles of its Members.

NB. The fault is Remissness of Governours and Tutors.

July 11 (Sat.). Remember to ask Mr. Allen, whether he knows any thing about Roman Antiquities found lately at Allington (a Village within two miles of Maidstone) in Kent, particularly Urns; see Vol. 125, p. 144.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 6, 1730:—

London, July 2. On Thursday last the Rev. Mr. Arthur Bedford presented to the King and Queen at Windsor his learned and laborious Work, intituled 30 *The Scripture Chronology demonstrated by Astronomical Calculations*; and on the Day following he presented the same to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, which they all received very graciously.

NB. This is the same Bedford who took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Brazenose Coll. on July 9, 1691. Some time ago he printed an 8^{vo} Book against Sr Isaac Newton's Chronology, & he is altogether against Sr Isaac in this folio Book & mightily for Archbishop Usher, Bishop Lloyd, &c. Among others he mightily commends Marshall's Tables, web are really Bp Lloyd's. He signifiys to the World that Bp Cumberland assured him that Bp Lloyd was the real Author of the 40 imperfect Book about Daniel's Weeks. I thought all people had known this before. This Mr. Bedford seems to be something crazed. He has¹ a younger brother living in Oxford, by trade a Glazier, but he follows Maulting, who is a man of a troublesome turbulent Spirit, and a sort of Presbyterian.

¹ MS. :—is.

July 12 (Sun.). In the *Catalogus operum a Josua Barnesio S.T.B. scriptorum*, at the end of the first edition of Anacreon by Barnes, no. xxix is *Pindari Vita, quatuor praelectionibus habita*, and no. xli is *Praelectiones in Pindari Olympionic' una cum ejusdem Vita*. I have taken note of the said Passage because there was once a design of printing Mr. Barnes's Life of Pindar with the Oxford Pindar, as I find by a Passage Dr. Charlett wrote at the end of a Letter of Dr. Bernard's to Mr. Barnes.

[Some notes on Cardiff and 'Rhysky' in Monmouthshire, contributed by Mr. Loveday.]

- 10 **July 13 (Mon.).** Mr. Baker (in his Letter from Cambridge of the 5th inst.) tells me that he has a pretty compleat Catalogue of old printed Books before the year 1500, in the late B^p of Ely's, Dr. More's, Library. In that Catalogue he hath not met with *Guido de Columna*, or that other *de vita Alexandri Magni*, both w^{ch} I have of a very old edition before 1500, but without Date or Place, tho' it looks as if they had been printed at Oxford. Of both I have a note ready to be printed at the end of *Thomae Caii Vindiciae Antiquitatis Universitatis Oxoniae* that I have now in the Press. Mr. Baker takes notice that he finds in our Oxford Catalogue *Guido de Columna*, and that *Gualteri Belgae Alexandreis*, wrote
20 about the 12 Century in verse from Quintus Curtius, has been made use of to prove that Author to be genuine & more antient than some have vainly imagined him to be.

He tells me what I have heard of Mr. Strype is partly true; he is about printing another volume of his Annals to the year 1600, but it will consist only of Original Papers, with some short notes and observations to illustrate them. His great Age [now 86] will not allow him to do more.

- He says it is likewise true that he [Mr. Baker] corresponded with B^p Burnet, and is one of those few that must always speak well of him; for
30 tho' he used great freedom in censuring & correcting his two first Volumes of the Hist. of the Reformation (as we find in the last), such as might have justly drawn down his Resentments upon him, yet he treated him like a Friend and a man of honor; & Mr. Bedford being then under confinement, at Mr. Baker's Request he had undertaken to sollicite his Affaire & would (Mr. Baker believes) have then effected it, had he not died, whilst it was in agitation, & he (Mr. Baker) had the last Letter from him probably he ever wrote, dated the day before he was taken ill of

July 14, 1730. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 202) [see Diary, July 16]. 'I thank you for so much of your conversation that I enjoyed when I was at Oxford. I should have been very glad to have spent more time with you.'

July 14, 1730. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 45; Diaries, 126. 134). Has received the Pacquet containing Mr. James Cunningham's discourse upon Macduff's Cross and Mr. Ashmole's MS. orders about his Museum. Recounts the history of the letter about the Oaths, which Mrs. Cherry had given to the Bodleian. Points out that it does not deal with the Oath of Abjuration, which had not at that time been heard of. Hearne's letters had been returned to him by Mrs. Cherry on Jan. 11, 1722, but this letter about the Oaths was not among them. There is a Postscript saying that the letter, though written on July 14, was not sent until Aug. 4, 1730.

of that Distemper whereof he died. *This (says Mr. Baker) I must always thankfully remember.*

July 15 (Wed.). Mr. Baker hath not met with Thomas Marescallus in any Catalogue of the Bishops of Bath and Wells, but he says my Authority at the end of Trokelowe seems to be good.

Of the Company of Cordwainers Mr. Baker can give no account from Cambridge, this being one of the most irregular Corporations in the Kingdom, every one setting up on what trade he pleaseth. Nor hath he met with any such Company among the antient Gilds. *Mr. Baker's Letter of July 5.*

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From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 13, 1730:—

Cambridge, July 7. The Publick Commencement is now over. A very great Concourse of People has been here for these three Days together to see the Solemnity of it, and to hear the Exercise and Musick. Several noblemen and Abundance of Gentlemen and Ladies were present at it. One hundred and six Masters of Arts were created, five Doctors of Divinity, three Doctors of Physick, one Doctor of Musick.

On Tuesday morning, July 14, 1730, died Mr. Samuel Parker, son of Dr. Samuel Parker, late B^p of Oxon. This Gentleman, who was once of Trinity Coll. Oxon., but left it without a Degree upon account of the 20 Oaths, hath written and published many Things, such as an Epitome of the Ecclesiastical Historians, Censura Temporum, Bibliotheca Biblica (the best part of w^{ch} Book are the Occasional Annotations, most if not all of which were done by other hands) &c. I hear he had a Dropsy & that he took to his bed last Saturday. He was (as I take it) 52 years of Age. He hath left a Widow (one of the Daughters of the late Mr. Hen. Clements of Oxford, Bookseller) & many Children, the eldest of w^{ch}, Samuel, from the Trade of a Leather Gilder became Clark of Magd. Coll. Oxon., last Easter Term. He was buried in the Ch. of St. Peter in the East on Friday Night, July 17, following.

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This morning about two clock, died of the twisting of the Bowells, in the 39th year of her age, the wife of Dr. Edward Butler, president of Magdalen College and Vice-chancellor of the University of Oxford.

July 16 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 13:—

There is lately dead the Hon. Edward Henry Calvert, Esq., President of the Council of Annapolis in Maryland, Commissary General of the Province of Maryland, and second Brother to the Rt. Hon. the Lord Proprietor [i. e. the Lord Baltimore] of the said Province.

W^m Lowndes, Esq., succeeds Thomas Jett, Esq., deceased, as one of the 40 Auditors of the Exchequer.

Yesterday I had a letter from L^d Oxford, dated in Dover Street July 14. His Lordship hath looked upon his Rastall's Chronicle. He believes he

July 16, 1730. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 8. 150). Was out of Town when he should have received H.'s letter of May 30, about the loan of the MS. of *Hemingford*. Hence the delay. Has been two or three times to the Heralds' Office, but the Gentlemen in waiting knew nothing of the matter. Yesterday he met Mr. Anstis and obtained the MS., which he now sends.

said it was as perfect as any one. He wants the first leafe, A. 1. He ends with Richard the third, and upon the last leafe is the print of John Rastall's sign, and the words *Johannes Rastell cum privilegio Regali*; no date of the year. If I have a mind to see this book my Lord will send it me down.

Yesterday called upon me Dr. Tanner and Dr. Knight. This is the same Dr. Knight that wrote and published the lives of Dean Collet and of Erasmus. He is now upon the Life of Dr. Simon Patrick, late Bp of Ely.

- 10 **July 18 (Sat.).** On Thursday last, in the afternoon, Dr. Knight called upon me again with Morgan Graves, Esq., son of my late friend Richard Graves, Esq., w^{ch} son is now Gentleman Commoner of Univ. Coll., having in his father's life time been only Commoner. Dr. Knight is related to Mr. Graves.

The Dr. said that he did the Catalogue some years ago of the University of Cambridge Library and that a Present of 50 libs. was made him for it.

- He is for having a Catalogue of the printed books of Cambridge done, so as to take in also all other printed Books in the libraries of the Colleges
20 and Halls, that shall be found wanting in the publick Library, w^{ch} is a Method I had proposed formerly for Oxford, & Dr. Charlett mentioned it several times in his printed Papers of the Theatre Books, and 'twas mightily approved of. But after I was debarred the Library & forced to retire, my Method was not followed, but they only printed the Bodleian Catalogue without taking in the Colleges and Halls, and that particularly for this reason, because I had finished only the Bodleian Library and had done nothing of other places (abating a good part of the Ashm. Museum) & they stuck therefore to that only w^{ch} was ready drawn up to their
30 hands. Bowles indeed, when he first became Librarian, vaunted, & bragged that other places should be taken in, but 'twas only talk, he did nothing, and when he began to print, 'twas nothing but my Catalogue, unless some few Additions of Books come in since my time, & the strange alterations that he made of the former numbers. When I say my Catalogue, I mean that w^{ch} goes under the name of Dr. Thomas Hyde, of w^{ch} Mr. Emanuel Pritchard, Janitor of the Bodleian Library, was the true Compiler, continued by me, w^{ch} Continuation of mine was fairly transcribed by me in two large folio volumes by way of Appendix, & was designed to have been printed by itself, but at last Dr. Hudson, designing

July 17, 1730. H. to Lord Oxford (Diaries, 126. 143). Would be glad to see his copy of Rastall's Chronicle.

July 17, 1730. H. to John Anstis (Diaries, 126. 144). Having heard nothing from Mr. Murray [see letter of May 19], H. is at a loss what to do, and leaves it to Anstis to send the copy of Hemingford as he thinks best.

July 18, 1730. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 275). Acknowledges the safe receipt of the MS. of Hemingford. The previous day 'being Friday', H. had a fish dinner with Mr. West at Godstowe. 'We remembered you and other friends most heartily.'

July 18, 1730. N. Booth to H. (Rawl. 13. 104). 'I thank you for your great civillitys to me when I was at Oxford. . . Mr. Jett has died poor.'

to assume the whole Honour of the Work to himself, had my Appendix and the former Catalogue thrown into one Alphabet, and so Bowles began to print it, and 'tis now carrying on at the Press by Mr. Fysher in the same manner.

Dr. Knight said that B^p Patrick wrote his own Life, and that he intended to have printed it just as the B^p left it, with Additions of his own, but that the B^p of London dissuaded him from it, & advised him to compile a new one, using Passages *verbatim* out of the other only upon occasion. The Dr. insinuated, however, that he is not inclined to print it, least some things should disoblige. 10

The Dr. said he had thoughts of writing the Life of Robert Grosthead. I told him there were excellent materials for him in the Ashmolean Museum among the Papers of Anthony à Wood, who wrote this B^p's life, & 'tis contained there in a 4^{to} MS.

July 19 (Sun.). Yesterday, at 5 Clock in the afternoon, M^{rs}. M. Butler, wife of Dr. Edward Butler, President of Magd. Coll., was buried in Magdalen College Chappell and 'twas a great Funeral, there being at it abundance of Ladys &c., besides all the College.

On Thursday night last came to Oxford out of Worcestershire, where he had been a little while to look after his Affairs, M^r. James West, & 20 immediately sent for me, but I was from home, so did not see him that evening, but the next morning he called upon me, staid with me at least two houres and being gone to Banbury, & to lodge that night at Bodicot near that place, we agreed to meet together in his way at Godstowe, he riding it and I walking. Accordingly we did so, and had a fish dinner & enjoyed one another's Company with great pleasure & satisfaction for about four houres.

M^r. West gave me then one of his Father's funeral Rings, by w^{ch} I learn that his Father, M^r. Richard West, died on May 25 last, in the 63rd year of his age. 30

M^r. West shewed me a 4^{to} MS. of Anthony Wood's writing, relating to Oxford, w^{ch} he said he met with in the Country. I told him I had formerly just ran over it, when 'twas shewed me by M^r. Thomas Rawlins. I made a motion that M^r. West should lend it me. He said 'twas none of his. I suppose therefore 'tis M^r. Rawlins's still. Yet M^r. West is about procuring that and other Things in M^r. Rawlins's hands. M^r. Rawlins, both by word of mouth & by letter, promised to lend me any thing, but hath lent me nothing as yet, & perhaps may not. This 4^{to} Book, & other things he hath, might be of service in my present undertaking of *Thomae Caii Vindiciae Antiquitatis Academiae Oxoniensis*, &c., but now 'tis almost 40 too late & therefore I shall concern myself very little. The said MS. I think is in good measure nothing but some extracts from Miles Winsor's papers in Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Library, in w^{ch} it seems are many mistakes. I could wish to have carefully considered this MS. I remember that in it *Aula Graeca* or *Aula Graecorum* is made with *Aula Peckwatriensis* &c. to be one of those places destroyed for building X^t Church. Yet by the list of old Halls in one of my MSS., I find that this *Aula Graeca* was in St. Gyles's parish, & I believe that to be truest.¹

¹ One Greek Hall was near the site of the kitchen of St. John's College, the other

I must remember to ask Mr. West, to see particularly in the MS. and to let me have the very words relating to this *Aula Graeca*.

On Thursday, July 16, about five Clock in the afternoon, died of a violent Feaver, Mr. Saunders, Bayliffe of Banbury, where he also kept a publick Inn, and brother to Mrs. Eliz. Shepherd of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, a young man of a good Character. He was born July 21, 1699. He married one Chandler, by whom he hath had five Children that are living, the last born but the day before his Death. He was buried last night at Enston by his father and mother.

- 10 **July 20 (Mon.).** Yesterday, died in his Lodgings at Exeter College, Doctor Matthew Hole, Rector of that College and Vicar of Stokegursy in Somersetshire, of a very great age. He took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Exeter College, June 14, 1664; that of B.D., Oct. 13, 1674; and that of D.D., June 1, 1716. He spent all his Life in Celibacy, and was an excellent practical Divine, and so fond of preaching that he followed it as long as he was able to get up into the Pulpit, ^{weh} was within a year or less of his Death, and (^{weh} is very remarkable) he used no Spectacles. He hath written and published many practical Books.

Mr. West did tell me on Friday last that his copy of Rastall's Chronicle
20 (as does also the Earl of Oxford's) wants the first Leaf.

He said Wise of Trinity was the first that sent up to London about the juvenile Letter they have of mine, about the Oath of Allegiance. He sent (it seems) to his former pupil Lethullier, who made thereupon a noise, but it hath not had their desired ends, but the contrary, and good men (& such as act & speak sedately) say that they now have a better opinion of me than they had before, declaring that 'tis an argument that I acted with deliberation and not rashly, when I formerly took the Oath of Allegiance, and not as those do, who take Oaths without considering at all.

- 30 **Some of the houses & part of the land in the Town of Burford belonged to the Veseys. The Priory of Burford came to the Tanfields, particularly to Sir Henry Tanfield, from whom it came to the Lenthals.**

July 21 (Tu.). Mr. West bought his White of Basingstoke, containing xi books, of Fletcher Gyles.

Yesterday, in the forenoon, called upon me Sir Justinian Isham, Bart., lately elected Member of Parl. for Northamptonshire. Dr. Charles Kimberley, M.D., of Northampton, was with him.

- Sir Justinian (whose Lady, a very pretty Woman, was likewise in Oxford with him) is a very ingenious, honest Gentleman, and a great
40 lover of Antiquities.

He told me he had a MS. Register of the Abbey of Tewksbury, ^{weh} he wished he had brought to shew me, but he said he would take an opportunity that I should see it.

July 21, 1730. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 203). Sends *Rastall's Chronicle*.

Greek Hall would be in the quadrangle of Christ Church; see the plan in *Balliol Oxford Deeds* (O. H. S.), p. 100.—Ed.

He said he hath many other writings (some of w^{ch} old) relating to Northamptonshire.

July 22 (Wed.). Last night Dr. Matthew Hole, Rector of Exeter College, was buried in Exeter College Chappell. He hath left an hundred libs. towards building new Lodgings for the Rector of that College, two hundred libs. to the two Charity Schools of Oxford, and, besides some small Legacies, the rest he hath left to his two nieces, whom he hath made Executrices. These nieces were present at his death and have been with him for some time.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 20:—

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Dr. Matthew Leigh, an eminent Physician at Oxford, was lately married to Miss Sally Knapp, who was daughter of Mr. Knapp, an eminent Drysalter of the City of London.

July 23 (Thur.). On Tuesday night last, about 7 Clock, called upon me one Mr. Partridge, a young Gentleman of Cambridge, with four or five more young Cambridge Gentlemen, and a Gentleman Commoner of Oxford, with him, with service from his father, Henry Partridge, Esq., who was formerly, before I came to Oxford, Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, & was in that very Room, where I am now, in w^{ch} his name is put in the Glass next the Quadrangle with a Diamond ring, & it 20 occurs also in the wood under the Glass. This young Gentleman would not stay, & therefore did not sit down, but wanting to see the Chappell of the Hall, to w^{ch} his Father was a Benefactor, I waited upon him thither & soon after parted. His father had an elder brother, Robert Partridge, Esq., who was likewise Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, & they both lodged together in one and the same bed in my room. They went to School at Bray, their Master being Mr., now Dr., King. The said Robert hath been dead many years, dying unmarried, so his Estate, a good one, came to Henry, who had a good Estate before. Henry hath 30 been married twice, & he had great Fortunes with both wives. The first, a most beautifull Creature, died very young. Her Image in wax-work (I think at length) is in the Church where [she was] ¹ buried at London. [See about this in one of the former Volumes, & if there be here a Mistake, correct from thence.] Mr. Partridge being a very handsome man when young himself, they were looked upon as the handsomest couple in London. He is a very good-natured man, but a professed Whig. When he was of Edmund Hall, Mr^s. Luff (that compleat Beauty), afterwards Madam Bull, was so smitten with him that she was perfectly in love with him, and would fain have been married to him, but she having little or no fortune, tho' he was several times in her company & admired the 40 loveliness of her person, he declined the Motion, and afterwards leaving Oxford married the young beautifull Lady I have spoke of, but he had no Children by her, she dying too soon; so this Son is by his second Lady, far inferior in beauty, tho' superior in fortune, to the first.

July 22, 1730. T. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 30) [see Diary, July 25 and 27].

July 23, 1730. J. Worthington to Hearne (Rawl. 8. 50). States that the author of the Prefatory View in the *Life of George Herbert* was Barnabas Oley.

¹ Not in MS.

July 24 (Fri.). Yesterday, in the evening, called upon me Mr. Edward Lye, who took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Hart-Hall, July 6, 1722. He is now Vicar of Little Houghton, near Northampton, where he lives. He called on purpose to shew me a Catalogue of some old Evidences, w^{ch} Evidences he had luckily rescued from Destruction, & when he comes next to Oxford he intends to bring them with him on purpose that I may peruse them.

Mr. Lye is a man that seems to love Antiquities, tho' he said he had but lately begun, & is now endeavouring to get a little knowledge in the
10 Saxon tongue.

The Bounds of the Univ. of Oxford are southwards to Bagley Wood, eastwards to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, westwards to Bottley, and northwards to Godstowe Bridge, so that the north limits are the largest. Vide Br. Twyne, p. 313.

July 25 (Sat.). Mr. Baker, in his Letter to me from Cambridge of the 22nd, informs me that tho' he had enquired at Caius College for Rastell's Chronicle some time ago, yet upon my Letter he went himself & made a stricter Enquiry, but no such Book is to be found there. The Library Keeper being then setting their MSS. in order (w^{ch} lay in confusion) telling him there were several old printed Books amongst their
20 MSS., Mr. Baker desired him to look for it there, w^{ch} he did, & is positive it is not amongst the MSS.

July 26 (Sun.). Tho' I was told of an intended Catalogue of the Books at Cambridge, yet Mr. Baker should wish me not to expect it; he expects none in his time. The late B^p of Ely's MSS., tho' pretty numerous, yet are not considerable, some few excepted. He says they shall never equal us in this kind.

Here I must remember to tell Mr. Baker what Mr. West told me t'other day at Godstowe, namely, that my Lord Oxford hath at least
30 thirty thousand MSS.

July 27 (Mon.). On Saturday last, July 25, came to Oxford and returned yesterday in the afternoon, my brother William, of Winchmore Hill, within the Hamlett or Quillet¹ of Colshill in Hartfordshire, near Agmondesham in Bucks., and Mr. Hailly, an eminent potter there, was with him.

Mr. Baker had a man with him lately (one Mr. Buck) who is taking Drawings in several parts of England. This is the man that was with me some time ago. Mr. Baker took little notice of him, his design being too large for his Purse. He came to him from Mr. Willis, who is a sub-
40 scribe. Indeed, I look upon it as a whimsical Thing, done purely to get money & to impose upon Gentlemen, what I saw of it being but false Representations, in great measure, as far as I could judge.

Mr. Baker knows nothing of Mr. Barns's life of Pindar, but Barn. Oley is the Author of that Prefatory Account of Mr. George Herbert's *Priest to the Temple*.

¹ A rare word meaning 'a hamlet'. In the N. E. D. the only instance given is of the year 1597.

To Bp. Burnet Mr. Baker hath no more to say, than that instead of compliances, he gave him the highest Provocations, such as most men would have highly resented, but few (besides himself) would have printed. *But my Principle* (says Mr. Baker) *is not so high, as you may imagine; I hold Communion with the establishd Church; the New Communion I do not understand.* Letter of July 22nd.

July 28 (Tu.). Long before the Church of St. Mary at Oxford was united and appropriated to Oriel College, there had been a Congregation House built there by a certain old Scholar, about w^{ch} a Controversy arose, w^{ch} was appeased when Thomas Presbury was Chancellour, w^{ch} 10 was anno 1409, fifty marks being given by the said Chancellour on behalf of the University to Oriel College to resign their Right, and an agreement made by means of the said Chancellour that upon payment of a yearly pension of one penny, being lawfully demanded, that Congregation House should for ever belong to the University: see Brian Twyne, p. 314.

July 29 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 27:—

London, July 21, 1730. Last week was discovered in a Cellar next Door to the Golden Still on London Bridge, over the Water-Works, a curious Piece of Stone of great Antiquity; in the Arch-work of which is, in a very legible, 20 though old, Character, in Basso-Relievo, Anno Domini 1192, being 17 years before the finishing of the said Bridge with Stone, in the Reign of Richard I, and 538 years since.

July 30 (Thur.). On Tuesday last (July 28) there was hanged at Oxford one Richard Fuller, of Caversham, in Oxfordshire, a young man of 26 years of age, for murdering his Wife. There was a sad work on that occasion, the Scholars endeavouring to get the dead body, assisted by some Townesmen, & others on the contrary hindering. The Relations had provided a Coffin to have it decently buried at Caversham, but the Scholars broke it all to pieces, the body being in it; after w^{ch} those 30 opposite to the Scholars had it again, & so for several times sometimes one side had it & sometimes the other, but the Proctors, favouring the Relations, the body was at last delivered to them in order again for Caversham, & a second Coffin was made, w^{ch} the Scholars also broke, rescued the body, cutt off the Head, &c.; after w^{ch} 'twas again recovered for the Relations, and then got from them again & brought to Queen's College, where 'twas made a Skeleton & the Flesh dispersed up and down.

July 31 (Fri.). Dr. Knight is Prebendary of Ely. Quaere who 'twas he succeeded. ['Twas Dr. Tanner.] 40

Inquire also what sort of Antiquities relating to England those are which have (as I was told by Dr. Conyers Middleton) been collected by

July 29, 1730. S. Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 4. 85). Has at last received *Trokelowae*. Is much concerned for the trouble caused to H. and Mr. Bedford by 'that mistake'.

July 31, 1730. Rev. James Gibson to H. (Rawl. 6. 78) [see Diary, Aug. 17].

Mr. John Worthington; Dr. Middleton adding at the same time that Mr. Worthington was an Antiquary, and a man in very good Circumstances, and had been a Benefactor to Cambridge. Quaere of Mr. Baker what 'tis Mr. Worthington gave & to what particular place.

Aug. 1 (Sat.). I have been told for certain that at the Court at London the Non-Jurors are esteemed the honestest part of the nation, and that even Caroline says so herself.

I am also certainly informed that the Non-Juring Church of England gains ground in London every day.

10 To the Honoured Dr. Mead, at his House in Ormond Street, London.

Honoured Sir,

This day I received from Mr. Casley his Transcript of Thomas Otterbourne's Chronicle, for w^{ch} I am indebted to him 5 libs. 17s. 2d. As you procured this Transcript & gave him directions to send it to me, so I return you my particular Thanks on that occasion. He hath not given any orders how the money is to be paid; but if you will be so kind as to lay down this Money for me and to get it delivered to him, I will be responsible to you for it with abundance of thanks; or if this Method may not be so well, I will then pay it him in some other manner that he
20 shall judge most proper. I have not wrote him a letter, because I would not put him to that charge; but I shall write to him, if I see it requisite, and am, with my service to Mr. Casley, Honoured Sir,

Your most obliged and most humble servant,

Aug. 1st, 1730.

Tho: Hearne.

Aug. 2 (Sun.). Mr. Ball, who lately printed in English *Gyllius de Bosphoro Thracio*, for which he met with great encouragement, is a worthy and honest Nonjuring Clergyman, and is patronized by Mr. Banister, formerly a Gentleman Commoner of Queen's College, Oxford.

Dr. Rawlinson, in his Letter of May 7, 1729, told me that he had had
30 abundance of people to see Lord Somers's MS. in his hands, in w^{ch} are the Characters drawn of many great men. I was in hopes of seeing this MS. ere this, but I suppose the Dr. hath not had a convenient opportunity of sending it. My Lord of Oxford hath seen it, the Dr. having lent it him, Mr. Murray conveying it sealed and delivering it back sealed. What opinion his Lordship hath of it, I know not.

The last Copy of Matt. Parker in Mr. Rawlinson's Auction drew the eyes of all, and there were several and large Commissions for it, but Lord Oxford carried it.

Dr. Nich. Robinson is mentioned by Mr. Wood in his *Athenae*. He
40 names him one Nich. Robinson. He is the same man who Mr. Baker tells me left an account of Q. Eliz.'s entertainment at Cambridge, Aug. 5, 1564.

Aug. 3 (Mon.). On Saturday last Mr. Browne, of Univ. Coll., told me that the Evening before, Dr. Shippen, George Ward, & Mr. Bilstone, of All Souls, had been all three together for three houres about printing the Letter of mine about the Oath of Allegiance. I told Mr. Browne they might be ashamed of keeping it from me, &c. 'Ay', replied Mr. B., 'all people ought to be ashamed of such doings.'

That Sir Roger Swillington, Kt., formerly mentioned by Thomas Ward, of Warwick, Esq., in one of his *Obit Memorandums*, he afterwards guessed to be the father of Ralph Swillington, Attorney-General to K. Hen. VIII and Recorder of Coventry. See more of him in Dugdale's Warwickshire, p. 44 & p. 108. Mr. Ward's Letter to me, Feb. 12, 1725.

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Aug. 4, 1730 (Tu.). Dr. Thorpe of Rochester, being to visit a Clergyman of that County [who] was formerly well acquainted with the Twysden family, received from him a printed Copy and MS. Supplement to Gul. Neubrigensis, which Supplement is of the handwriting of Sir Roger Twysden. The Dr. sent me the Copy to peruse in Feb. 1728, his Letter being dated from Rochester the 10th of that month. Four leaves are torn out at the end. I found it to be no other than what I had printed from another better Copy of Neubrigensis, prepared for the Press by Sir Roger Twysden, lent me by Sir Thomas Sebright. 10

Aug. 6 (Thur.). Yesterday, in the Forenoon, was a Convocation, in which the Lord Wilmington was created Dr. of Civil Law. This is Spencer Cowper, that was Speaker of the H. of Commons in the Reign of Geo. I. He was formerly of Trin. Coll., where Dr. Barker was his Tutor. He gave now an 100 libs. to Trin. Coll.

From the Northampton Mercury for Mond., Aug. 5, 1730:—

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July 30. We have an Account from Oxford this day that one Fuller being executed there last Tuesday, July 28, for the murder of his wife, on his being cut down, the Scholars demanded the Body for Dissection, which the Proctors opposing in order to deliver it to his friends, a desperate Riot ensued, and the former carrying it to Lincoln College, the latter rescued it, and putting it in a House in Bullocks Lane, the Scholars went and broke open the Doors and carried it off. The Proctors, finding means to recover it, brought it to the Castle, and about eleven at night, when all was thought still, to the Water-side to send it away in a Boat, but to their surprize, the Scholars lying in Ambush, was thrown into the water, Coffin and all, but the Scholars soon went in, in great numbers, and drew it out and carried it to Christ's College [*sic*] to dissect it. The Tumult was so extraordinary that the Town-Clerk was forced to read the Proclamation, but to no Purpose, the Rioters crying out they did not hear it. 30

Mr. Baker, from Caius's Annals (see Vol. 122, p. 120, of these Collections), makes Thomas Legge the 19th Master of Gonville & Caius College; Parker, in his *Skeletos*, the 17th.

Aug. 7 (Fri.). Yesterday, Dr. John Conybeare, Fellow of Exeter College, was elected Rector of that College, in room of Dr. Matthew Hole deceased, which Dr. Conybeare is reported by some to have undertaken, 40

Aug. 4, 1730. Edward Lye to H. (Rawl. 7. 196). Sends to H. a list of books for sale, with their prices, of which he had shown H. a catalogue at Oxford.

Aug. 4, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 31) [*see* Diary, Aug. 13, 14, 18].

Aug. 6, 1730. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 83). 'I have sent word to Mr. Casley that I would pay him what you are indebted to him for the transcript of Otterburne.'

together with Dr. Waterland, to answer a Book lately published, called *Christianity as old as the Creation*, so as these two are to be joynt Authors of an answer, the Authors of w^{ch} Book about *Christianity, &c.*, were Mr. Collins and Dr. Tyndale, the former of w^{ch} is dead.

Aug. 8 (Sat.). Mr. Allen of Kent hath written & printed several Poems, one of w^{ch} he intitles *Iterculum Cantio Cestriense*, or a Trip from Kent to Chester.

Aug. 9 (Sun.). Yesterday, called upon me, the son of old Mr. Hailly of Winchmore Hill in the Hamlet of Colshill in Hartfordshire, near
10 Agmondesham in Bucks. He brought me a letter from my brother William, in w^{ch} Letter my brother signifies that his wife is delivered safely of two brave boys. She was brought to bed (as this young Hailly said) on Monday, July 27 last, the day my said brother went from Oxford. The said young Hailly was born July 29, 1699. He is married and hath children.

Aug. 10 (Mon.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Aug. 3, 1730:—

There is very lately dead Sir William Glynn of Oxfordshire, Bart., who was just entered into the 21st year of his Age. It is very remarkable that he is
20 the 4th Baronet of the Family who has died within these four or five years, viz. his Uncle, his father, his brother, and now himself. He is succeeded in Honour and Estate by his youngest Brother, now Sir John Glynn, Bart., of about 17 years of Age.

Aug. 11 (Tu.). One Underwood, who keeps the Red Lyon in Henley, being in Oxford, laid a wager of 30 Guineas with one Bedsworth of Oxford, dancing Master, for the same Sum, that a nag he had then with him in Oxford, would run from the Middle of Magdalen College bridge to London, and back again to the Bridge in twelve hours. Accordingly,
30 yesterday morning, at 4 Clock, the nag set out at four Clock in the morning and was back again seventeen minutes and an half before four Clock in the afternoon, to the amazement of all people, who thought it impossible, but the nag (a pretty creature) died in less than an hour after at the Black Nag in St. Clement's by Oxford. 'Twas rode by two boys, both w^{ch} did not weigh quite nine Stone. One of them rode from Magd. Bridge to Gerard's Cross, where he stopt & rested himself, while the other rode thence to London, round St. Gyles's Pound & back to the Cross, & then he rode again to Oxford, & when he came towards Oxford, instead of coming by Cheyney Lane, he came by Horspath, otherwise the Horse would most certainly have dropt, the weather being excessive hot
40 and the ways very dusty.

Aug. 12 (Wed.). Yesterday, called upon me, Mr. W^m Beckett of Abbingdon, chirurgeon. He was born at Abbingdon and is a single man. His Father (who is also a chirurgeon, but hath given off his Business) and he live together. Before his father left off (w^{ch} hath been about two years) he, the son, lived in London. He is a man curious in old Books.

Aug. 12, 1730. Dr. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 16. 125). Offers to send H. the *elogium* on Nicholas Ferrar, which Archbishop Sancroft thought was by Mr. Crashaw.

He is acquainted with Mr. John Murray. He was acquainted with Thomas Britton the Small Coal man & John Bagford. He lent me an old Compotus of the manor of Barton by Abbington for one whole year, viz. the 5th year of Roger de Thame, Abbat of Abbington. Barton belonged to Abbington Abbey. The said Compotus or Rental is on Velom. Mr. Beckett designs to continue Little's Account of Abbington Hospital. He hath many other MSS. He gave three half Crowns for Richard Smith's Auction Catalogue. He hath a mind to erect a Statue at Abbington to the memory of Sir John Mason. He hath an Historical MS. on Vellom, the one part of w^{ch} is about the Roman Emperors; 10 what the other is about he knows not. It is in Wiltshire, he having not yet got it from the person that gave it him. He hath promised me a sight thereof. He is an acquaintance of Dr. Stewkley's, and admires his fancifull proceedings in Antiquity.

Aug. 13 (Thur.). Dr. Knight has wrote B^p Patrick's Life, but having submitted it to the Censure of two Rt. Rev^{ds} [one of w^{ch} is Dr. Gibson, B^p of London] they are either so over-nice or over-timorous (as men in Preferments & expectation of greater, will usually be) that a Stop is put, at least for some time. Mr. Baker hath wisht him to proceed, as he hopes he will. He is likewise making Collections towards B^p Grosthead's life. 20 He may proceed in that without danger of giving offence.

The Catalogue compiled by him (for w^{ch} he received 50 librs. reward) was a Catalogue of all such printed books as they then had in the Publick Library, not having then received the late B^p of Ely's books, w^{ch} are so numerous that Mr. Baker despairs of seeing a Catalogue in his time.

Aug. 14 (Fri.). What number of MSS. Lord Oxford is possessed of, Mr. Baker cannot say, but he thinks Mr. Wanley once told him he had 14,000 *Cartae antiquae*, w^{ch} will go a great way towards half the number I spoke of to Mr. Baker, w^{ch} was a matter of 30,000 MSS.

Indeed, I have often heard Mr. Thwaites speak of the vast number of 30 ancient *Cartae* in the Harleian Library, not that I presume he was so well acquainted with the Library himself, tho' I believe he saw it more than once in the old Earl's time, but from his acquaintance with Dr. Hicckes and Mr. Wanley, who were wont to speak and discourse thereof to Mr. Thwaites, who had a very great hand in the *Thesaurus linguarum septentrionalium*, as Dr. Hicckes hath gratefully acknowledged. Most of the said old *Cartae* belonged formerly to Sir Simonds D'Ewes, a man undoubtedly of great skill in affairs of this kind.

Aug. 15 (Sat.). On Wed. last, Aug. 12, died (anno aetatis, as I take it, 71), John Powell of Sandford near Oxford, Esq., and was buried 40 in Sandford Church to-day. His beautifull Lady died on Nov. 17, 1727 (anno aetatis, I think, 53), as I have formerly observed. He was a man of great honesty, virtue, & Goodness, and, as most Roman Catholicks, very charitable & hospitable to the poor. He was an excellent Landlord & beloved by all his Tenants, & his Loss is regretted by all that knew him. He hath two brothers (at least they were lately) living, very learned men. He hath left two children, both Daughters, by his said Lady, the eldest of

Aug. 14, 1730. (Endorsed: Received Aug. 14, 1730.) Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 4. 96). See Diary, Sept. 10, 11, 12.

weh was since her Mother's death married to Sir Francis Curson, the youngest is as yet unmarried.

- Aug. 16 (Sun.).** Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. (who formerly told me that, besides the long box of papers of Ant. Wood's delivered from Dr. Charlett's Lodgings for the Museum, there were remaining still two sackfulls) informed me upon enquiry t'other day, that the said two sackfulls are now in the possession of Mr. Tho. Cockman, Master of Univ. Coll., and that among them are several little note Books of Anthony's, all weh 'tis probable will be now imbezzeled and turned to some vile use.
- 10 Aug. 17 (Mon.).** Mr. James Gibson wrote me word from Wootton-Underwood the last of last July, that he had made the strictest enquiry he can about Musewell. It is a lone house & stands in two Countys, Bucks. & Oxon., as ancient people tell him. He went lately to see it & he finds St. Crosse's Chapel still standing. It is made a Cart-house of, & abundance of ancient strong joysts laid over the upper part of it, to make a granary of, & for other uses, as to lay wool in and the like. The greatest signs of a chapell to outward appearance is a free Stone at the West end, whereupon it is manifest a cross did stand. At the South Side the corners have some little free-stone; the side two columns, not
20 buttresses, of free-stone; it is tiled, and the coping up from the wall to the ridge has been free-stone, as appears from a small remnant left. He is informed it stands in two parishes, Brill and Piddington; but in Kennett's Parochial Antiquities it appears to be in Amersden. As for a well from which it should take its name, all the account he can give is this. There are many springs on that side the hill, but he cannot hear that any particular one gives a name to the place. . . . The chapell is built of very cobling Stones, which makes Mr. Gibson wonder it has stood so long. . . . No ancient windows, nor dores. . . . The inside he viewed with as much care as he could, and found at the East end,
30 on the south side, a little arched place in the wall, over which are some ancient little figures in stone, & opposite to them a greater number on the north side. He could not see the bottom of the Arch, for harrows & suchlike implements of husbandry. The breadth of the Chapell, to his thinking, is about 6 yards 6 inches and 6 half inches, the length about 13 yards, 13 inches and 13 half inches. . . . The *Fossatum*, mentioned in the Monasticon, he is told is nothing else but such a ditch as parts all parishes. Other things he says are not much pertinent, but if he can hear any further he promises an account.

Aug. 16, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 32) [see Diary, Oct. 1 and 2].

Aug. 17, 1730. H. to Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (*transcript*, Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 1). Is glad that C. is writing a life of Abraham Woodhead. Mr. William Rogers of Gloucestershire, who was well acquainted with Mr. Woodhead and Mr. Walker, was 'positive in it'.¹ Mr. Walker had many writings of Mr. Woodhead which were never published. Some few years ago a Dr. Constable was in Oxford, a man who had travelled much; after he left Oxford he went beyond seas to end his life in a cloister. 'Let me know what title I must give you.'

Aug. 17, 1730. [Jane Hearne] to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 384). Thanks for a guinea. Is now at Bray Wick.

¹ Probably means 'positive that Woodhead wrote *The Whole Duty of Man*'.—Ed.

Aug. 18 (Tu.). Mr. Hen. Doughtie, whose Death I lately mentioned, was one of Rt. Rev^{ds}. He was of St. John's College in Cambridge, and Mr. Baker's countryman, but being a very daring, bold man, Mr. Baker, tho' he hath received Compliments from him, yet he never durst correspond with him. He was, Mr. Baker thinks, Chaplain to Lord Dundee, when that L^d gave a defeat in Scotland to Gen. Mackay. Mr. Baker hath sent me his Admission thus: 'Henricus Doughty Dunelmensis, filius Henrici D. clerici, natus infra Elton ibidem; literis institutus in schola publica infra Dunelm' sub magistro Battersby, aetatis 19, admissus est [in Coll. Jo.] subsizator pro magistro Roper, tutore et fidejussore ejus 10 magistro Verdon Maii 25, 1683,' *Regr. Coll. Jo.* 'H. Doughty. Coll. Jo. Art. Bac. ann. 1686, 7,' *Regr. Acad.* He never proceeded further.

Where he took Orders Mr. Baker does not know; not at Durham an. 1688, for he was that year (a very critically, trying year) in the B^p of Durham's family, and the next out of all. Mr. Baker's patron, the B^p, held his ground; Mr. Baker, who was a malignant in 88, turned out in 89.¹ *Mr. Baker's Letter, Aug. 4, 1730.*

Old Mr. William Rogers of Gloucestershire, a great Acquaintance of Mr. Abr. Woodhead's and Mr. Obadiah Walker's, used to tell me that Mr. Woodhead was Author of a Book of Opticks, & of *The whole Duty of Man*, & of the other pieces w^{ch} goe under the name of the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*, but this last particular I could never believe.

Aug. 20 (Thur.). To the Rev. Mr. Edward Lye at Little Houghton near Northampton.

Rev. Sir,

I thank you for your present, and for the List of Books. I have Coverdale's Bible, tho' of another Edition. I suppose yours is Tindale's and Coverdale's, which came out in 1535. Pray look whether it hath *gelded man* instead of *Eunuch* in Acts viii. If not, 'tis not so remarkable as otherwise 'twould be.

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You may send me, if they be perfect and in good condition—

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| 1. Jope's Exposition of Daniel | 00 | 00 | 06 |
| 2. The Welsh Grammar with Powell's MSS. Col-
lections, provided they are not an abstract
only of what he printed | 00 | 16 | 00 |
| 3. Fisher: Assertion' Luther' Confutatio | 00 | 05 | 00 |
| 4. Test. Gr. per Fell | 00 | 03 | 06 |
| 5. Norden's Middlesex; but see that it hath the
Map | 00 | 01 | 00 |

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I am, Sir, your very humble servant,

Aug. 20, 1730.

Tho. Hearne.

Aug. 20, 1730. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 4. 93) [see Diary, Sept. 13, 14].

¹ Mr. Baker's Letter runs: 'not at Durham anno 1688, for I was that year [&c. as above] out of all. My Patron, the Bishop, held his ground; I, who was a malignant in 88, turned out in 89.'—Ed.

Aug. 21 (Fri.). Mr. George Ballard, of Campden in Gloucestershire, a young ingenious Taylor, whom I have formerly mentioned, being now in Oxford, he yesterday called upon me, and his youngest Brother (for he hath two Sisters and four Brothers living, whereof himself is the eldest son) was with him, and we spent the evening together.

His ingenious Sister, who is now 26 years of age, is very curious in Coins & Physic, she designing to be a Midwife by the Assistance of her Mother, who hath followed that Employment many years.

The said ingenious Sister reads very much in Physick & History, & 10 procures many of the best Books that way.

Mr. Ballard then gave me a little MS. in vellom in 12^o, being a common Law Book of an old hand, containing Magna Charta & other Statutes, of w^{ch} kind of MSS. I have seen many.

He also gave me a Manks Brass Piece with an Head upon it.

He likewise gave me a very old Coin of Carausius in Brass, found in Cirencester.

He told me there is a Catalogue taken by Mr. Smith, Schoolmaster of Campden, of my late friend Richard Graves of Mickleton Esq.'s books, & that Mr. Smith says 'tis hardly credible what Curiosities there are among 20 them.

He said the eldest son (Morgan Graves) of the said Richard Graves hath no manner of Genius nor Inclination to Antiquities, so 'tis feared the Books will be sold, but that the second son (a boy) is mightily inclined that way, for w^{ch} reason 'tis wished the Books might be kept for him.

Aug. 22 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the evening (after my return from my Country Walk) called upon me, Mr. W^m Becket of Abbington, & I restored him his MSS. Roll of Barton.

He hath a MS. on Vellom by one Stipes, a chirurgion of St. Aldate's 30 in Oxford, near the stile.¹

He told me the Mannor of Barton belongs now to the Reeds, one of w^{ch} built one of the Isles in Abbington Church (St. Helen's) called Reed's Isle.

The Reads removed from Barton House *tempore Caroli primi*. Barton House was pulled down when Abbington was besieged.

The foresaid Roll about Barton Manour was presented to Mr. Beckett by George Knap, Esq., Recorder of Abbington.

The MS. (in w^{ch} are so many Historical Things about the Roman

Aug. 22, 1730. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (transcript; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 3). Has received two guineas for *Caius*. Dr. Constable was in Oxford July 17, 1721; he was then upwards of three score, was a Doctor of Physick, a Botanist and Antiquary; had travelled in most parts of Italy. Was said to have a good estate in the north, which he gave to his brother, and to have become a 'clergyman' in his old years. [The rest is identical with the Diary for Aug. 27.]

¹ There was a stile on the south side of Pembroke St., in the alley which leads to the west end of St. Aldate's Church.—Ed.

Emperours) was given him by Mr. Triplet, a Clergyman, and it now lyes at Tho. Ewre's of Highworth, Esq.

Mr. Beckett gave me a Book in 12^o in French, about the Creatures, printed in fourteen hundred and odd, but he had it not with him.

Mr. Beckett hath a very old MS. in Vellom of Lactantius de religione Cristiana. It belonged to S^r Thomas More, as Mr. Becket hath been very well assured.

He hath a MS. in Physick and Chirurgery that belonged to Sir Thomas Browne of Norwich. It is in Vellom. The Author was John Arden, Arden, or Ardeson.

Mr. Beckett hath a prospect of being Governour of Abbington Hospital. 10

Aug. 23 (Sun.). Last night Mr. Geo. Ballard and his brother Thomas called upon me again, and we spent the Evening together.

The said Mr. Geo. Ballard then shewed me 4 or five more Roman Brass Coins, but they were not Scarce.

I made then a Present to him of my Letter about the Antiquities between Windsor and Oxford, printed at the Theater.

He told me that Dr. W^m Thomas, who lately put out a new edition of Dugdale's *Antiquities of Warwickshire*, w^{ch} I have not yet seen, 20 would do no more, because he had met with very little Encouragement in that work.

The Dr. surely might have met with better, had he put out the Additions in a distinct separate Volume.

Aug. 24 (Mon.). Last Thursday, was created in Convocation Dr. of Civil Law, the Marquess of Blanford.

On July 22nd last died Mr. Humfrevile Fairer, B.D., Rector of Beconsfield in Bucks. He had been formerly Fellow of Magd. Coll. Oxon., and was younger brother to Dr. Fairer, late of that Coll.

There is also lately dead Mr. Nath. Tranter, B.D., Rector of Pembridge 30 in Herefordshire. He was before Fellow of Corpus X^{ti}. It is a noble Living, yet he died in bad Circumstances, notwithstanding he was a single man and hath had the Living five or six years.

Mr. Fairer is succeeded at Beconsfield by Dr. Thomas Collis, Fellow of Magd. Coll.

Aug. 25 (Tu.). Dr. Rawlinson, in a Letter from London House of the 15th inst., tells me he hath searched the Prerogative Office for two years back for M^{rs}. Cherry's will, but finds no such name in its Indexes, so that he is at a loss how to satisfy me.

Mr. Eedes, lately Gentleman Commoner of Edm. Hall, is lately dead 40 at his Parsonage in the Country, where he led the same drunken Life as in Oxford. He had a Rupture & was very fat & unweildly, and kept his bed 12 weeks, not able to stir, and his Rupture turned to a Mortification. He was educated a Presbyterian, was a sad Hypocrite & dissembler, & 'tis incredible to think what mischief he did all the time he was at Edmund Hall, it being his whole study to seduce young Gentlemen, w^{ch} he the more easily effected because he was a man of Parts. He was

never so well pleased as when he had made any one drunk, and he spent a vast deal of money there purely for that end, & if he could not get Gownsmen to drink, he would then invite & force Townsmen to it, & to get his Aim the better it was common with him to mix Brandy with the Liquor he gave them.

Aug. 26 (Wed.). Yesterday in the afternoon called upon me the Rev. Dr. Miles Stapylton, first of Univ. Coll., afterwards Fellow of All Souls Coll. & now Rector of Horspenden, alias Harding,¹ near Henley in Oxfordshire.

10 He is a very worthy, learned Divine, & when he was many years ago in France, he conversed with Father Simon & Father Harduin.

When he was a young man, he translated Plutarch's life of Caius Marius into English, printed in 1684 with Plutarch's Lives done by several hands. And this is all that he hath in print, as he told me when I asked him, tho' I wish he had published other Things, considering his Abilities.

He is strangely concerned at the woful decay of Discipline in our University, w^{ch} occasions so much Atheism, Deism, Debauchery, & all kinds of Immorality, for w^{ch} the young men are blamed, whereas the
20 Fault lyes in the Governours & Tutors.

He called the famous Mr. Dodwell his couzin by the mother's side, who was a Slingsby.

He could not but deplore what hath befallen the eldest son of that truly learned & religious Man, who acting quite contrary to his father's Principles was lately expelled Magd. Coll. (tho' he had before retired into the Country), when two others (as several more should have been) were expelled for their wicked behaviour.

It is a sad Misfortune that this should have happened to so great a Man's son. But as the mother is to be blamed for sending him thither,
30 & for encouraging him to act contrary to those Principles of Honesty professed by his Father, so his Tutor also, Mr. Cane, commonly called Dr. Cane, is highly culpable, being a man of vile Principles himself, and one who, when Librarian, put most vile scandalous books, such as Hobbs's Leviathan, &c., into the Undergraduates' Library of Magd. Coll. on purpose to seduce and pervert young men.

Dr. Stapylton told me his School Fellow was my friend Mr. Thomas Baker of Cambridge.

His sister (who is still living) married Mr. Patrick Gordon, who died lately, & was formerly my Schoolmaster at Bray, being the first Master
40 I had for the Latin Tongue, & was a very great man for the Hebrew Tongue, & was an excellent Scholar, & was one of the ejected Scottish Episcopal Clergy, having been in Scotland Professor of Hebrew & Humanity, and afterwards of Divinity at Aberdeen, & (as I understood by Dr. Stapylton) he had some sacred office under (I know not whether he was Chaplain to) Archbishop Sharpe of St. Andrews.

The Dr. told me he is in the 73rd year of his age.

Aug. 27 (Thur.). Copy of part of a Letter I wrote to-day to Mr. Baker of Cambridge: 'I want (if I could get it) something more about

¹ Hearne must mean Harpsden.—Ed.

Mr. Abraham Woodhead than hath been said by Mr. Wood. Tho' he was a Roman Catholick, yet I always looked upon [him] to have been one of the greatest men that ever were bred in England. Old Will. Rogers of Gloucestershire (now dead) was his great Acquaintance (as he was also well acquainted with Mr. Obadiah Walker & Mr. A. Wood) and used to tell me that Mr. Woodhead wrote a Book of Opticks, and that he was certainly the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*, &c.; and indeed some others have also imagined Mr. Woodhead to have been the Author. I am told lately that Mr. Vinter (who was a contemporary of Mr. Woodhead's and an Oxfordian) informed a certain worthy Lady, that he askt ¹⁰ Mr. Woodhead whether he was the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*, and he made no answer; w^{ch} considering the great modesty and humility of Mr. Woodhead might incline some to think to be a sufficient proof of his being really the Author; and yet, to speak my mind freely, I cannot believe that he was Author, especially when I reflect with myself upon what was told me on Aug. 24, 1706, by a very learned friend of mine, who hath been dead more than twenty years, viz. that being in discourse (about the year 1682) with B^p Fell in his lodgings at X^t Church (the occasion of which Discourse my friend did not tell me, nor indeed is it material to know), the B^p told him most solemnly that *he believed* ²⁰ *he was the onely man* (then alive) *in England who knew who was the Author of The whole Duty of Man*. At that time Mr. Obadiah Walker was living and in England, and was the man with whom Mr. Woodhead had communicated his secrets, and had he known who the Author was, the B^p would not have spoke thus. I wish with all my heart this good Prelate had entrusted my Friend or any other Friend with the secret, that the excellent and pious Author might have his deserved, tho' undesired, praise in this world, as he has already his reward in the other. Some have likewise suggested that Archb^p Sancroft was Author; but this is still more unlikely than Mr. Woodhead. I say no more on this occasion, unless it ³⁰ be that many years ago was given to the Bodleian Library the Original MS., the very Book from w^{ch} 'twas printed, as appears (as I remember) from the Printer's marks, of *The Causes of the Decay of Christian Piety*. The Book I placed in the Library myself (for 'twas before I was debarred) and before 'twas placed there it was shewed to Dr. Henry Aldrich, who said he believed 'twas not the Author's own hand, but that 'twas written in a disguised hand by B^p Fell. Of which opinion I am also, I having often seen the B^p's handwriting.' ¹

Aug. 28 (Fri.). On Wednesday last died old Mr. Nash of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon., aged 86. Buried to-night at St. Peter's in the Baylly. ⁴⁰
From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Aug. 17, 1730:—

Sir George Walters was lately married to Miss Boughton, a Lady of great Merit and good Fortune.

NB. This Sir George Walters, Kt., is father to Mr. Walters, lately Gent. Commoner of Edmund Hall & now a young Master of Arts and in Orders. She is the third wife of Sir George, & whereas she is but 23 years old, Sir George is about 53, tho' he is still a comely jolly man. This

¹ The best authorities are satisfied that Richard Allestree was the author of *The Whole Duty of Man* (see Dict. Nat. Biog., vol. 43, p. 87).—Ed.

young Lady is a jolly handsome Woman & dined with her Husband and son-in-law (who is about a year older than his mother-in-law) with some others (among whom was her own sister, another of the Bowdens, a very pretty young woman, a third having been married to my friend Mr. Henry Layng) in Edmund Hall on Tuesday last. There is a brother of these Bowdens (who likewise dined then at Edm. Hall) of Balliol Coll.

Aug. 29 (Sat.). Mr. West tells me in a Letter from the Inner Temple that he shall soon have copied the MS. he shewed me of A. Wood's relating to Oxford, which he shall be glad to communicate to
10 me. He wants to know who is the Author of the following book: *Pyers Plowman's Exhortation unto the Lordes, Knights & Burgeyssees of Parliament house, imprinted at London by Anthony Scoloker, dwelling in the Savoy rents without Temple barre; cum privilegio ad imprimendum solum.*

He says Mr. Anstis's book is the most beautifully printed in 4^{to} abroad he ever saw. The Title is, *Joannis Anstis. Responsio ad librum cui Titulus The Case of Founder's Kinsmen, &c.* He charges the Visitor & Fellows with direct Perjury. All the Arms & Pedigrees are finely Graved.

John Sturt, the fine Engraver of Writing, died on Tuesday, Aug. 11
20 last, in a mean Condition.

Mr. Topham of Windsor is given over by Dr. Mead.

Aug. 30 (Sun.). Yesterday, called upon me in the forenoon, with a Pacquet from Dr. Rawlinson, the Rev. Mr. Morris, a worthy Gent. of principles untainted, and a Sufferer in 1690, when he was a minor Canon of the Cathedral Church of Worcester, and possessed of a living, & since has rejected many valuable offers to prostitute his Conscience. He is one of the venerable remains of shipwrecked loyalty, of which so many are already daily perished, and others daily perish. He hath been a married man, but his wife died long since, without children. He lives
30 generally in Worcester, where he hath a small Thing of his own. He is M.A. and was of King's Coll., Cambridge. I must remember to speak of him to Mr. Baker. He is just returned from London from a Cousin's, a coachmaker, who is married to a sister of Mr. Walter Powell's of Cat Street, Oxon., one of the yeomen Beadles, where viz. at Mr. Powell's, he lodges for the little time he stays here.

He was one of those that held up the Pall at Mr. Doughty's funeral. Dr. Rawlinson was likewise one. He told me 'twas thought Mr. Creak would be substituted as a Rt. Reverend in Mr. Doughty's room.

Aug. 31 (Mon.). About a fortnight since called upon me Mr. Brooke

Aug. 29, 1730. Edward Lye to H. (Rawl. 7. 197). Sends to H. the books he had bought.

Aug. 30, 1730. John Loveday at Caversham to H. (Rawl. 7. 179). 'A commission for Charitable Uses is sitting at Twiford. They begun with examining into Blind Hughes's Abuse of Polehampton's will. They have found him guilty and are proceeding to other charities which he has had the handling of. To-morrow I set out with Mr. Zinsan for Kent. On Oct. 9 I shall see Oxford.'

Aug. 31, 1730. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 48 = 39. 143). Has received

of Braznose & wanted to know where might be met with Thomas Lynacre's *Rudiments of Grammar*, an English book, said by Mr. Wood to be printed *Lond. in aedibus Pynsonianis* (he does not tell the year nor the form) & to be turned into Latin by George Buchanan, a Scot, Paris, 1533. Which book, he saith, hath ever since been the Cynosura for many of our best Grammarians.

I told him I thought it was in Braznose Coll. Library, but meeting him afterwards, he told me it was not.

The reason of his Inquiry was because a friend of his at London, who teaches a School, was about putting out a Grammar, & he intended to make great use of Lynacre.

Indeed I take Lynacre to have been the very foundation of our common Accedence, I mean that English book of which I must remember to make Inquiry of Mr. Baker.

Perhaps Mr. Anstis may tell something. As I remember he hath several old Grammatical Pieces collected for him by Mr. Bagford.

Sept. 1 (Tu.). On Sunday night last I had some Discourse for about two hours with Mr. Frewin, Vicar of Ivingho in Bucks. He had preached at St. Marie's in Oxford in the morning. He is an ingenious man and loves to talk of Antiquities. He told me the Abbey of Ashridge is still a vast, noble Thing. He can tell many things about Ivingho. Ivingho Church is dedicated to the V. Mary. There was a Nunnery at Ivingho of Benedictines, but that was dedicated to St. Margaret. Remember to ask Mr. Frewin about the said Nunnery, also about the Founder thereof, Henry, Bp of Winchester, who according to John of Glastonbury was buried at Winchester, and not (as in Leland) in the parish church of Ivingho. But the Mistake is not Leland's but Mr. Willis's. Mr. Willis told me there is an old tomb in the church without inscription, which it seems he took to be the Bp's monument, but he was wrong.

This Morning, called upon me four young men of Fairford in Gloucestershire. One of them is the present Clerk of Fairford, & he wanted (having

the Pamphlets. Cannot think R. to be the author of the Tract about Miracles or Prodigies; such books ought to be slighted by all that have any regard for religion and learning. Some think R. to be the author; others 'fix it upon A. Pray who is substituted in room of Mr. Doughty? I have been told Mr. Creak, a worthy man. I know not whether I am misinformed. The Greweller's son¹ had the character among many of being a very conceited, weak man. His conduct in divers particulars made me think the character just. His censures in occasional discourse of Dr. Hickes & Mr. Collier, I never liked. He would cringe & fawn & flatter & do what was unwarrantable, nor indeed did I ever look upon him as a man of courage.'

Sept. 1, 1730. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 4. 94). See Diary, Sept. 16.

Sept. 1, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 33). Sends an extract from the will of Mr. Charles Jones, dated Jan. 17, 1634, about the foundation of a Hospital or Almshouse at Pwllhely in Carnarvon, explaining why he founded it, and giving the regulations [see also Diary, Sept. 6].

¹ This phrase is substituted for the letters S. P., i. e. Samuel Parker; see Diary for Sept. 17.

been told I knew many things on that Subject) particulars about Fairford. I gave him much Information, to their great Satisfaction.

Fox's Martyrology is not now in Fairford Church. I refered him to that book formerly in the Church, for an account of the Apostles, Martyrs, and Confessors, & the Persecutions of the Church.

Sept. 2 (Wed.). Last night Mr. Edward Bateman, student of Xt Church, read part of a Letter to me, that he had received from Xtopher Wren, Esq., son of the late Sr Xtopher Wren, from w^{ch} I understood that Mr. Wren had very much enlarged his Collection of Coins since
10 he published a Catalogue of them in 1708.

He (Mr. Wren) intends shortly to send a compleat Catalogue of what Coins are added to his Collection to Mr. Bateman, and then Mr. Bateman will shew it me.

Mr. Wren is about a design of publishing his Father's Works, and will send Mr. Bateman a list of what he knows already of them, with a desire that I would add what I know of. For my part I know of only his Account of Salisbury Spire & Cathedral, w^{ch} I have among Dr. Smith's MSS., but 'twas copyed from that in the Museum. It hath been printed by Curle, I know not how exactly, tho' I fear far from it. I suppose Mr.
20 Wren will take care that it shall now be accurate.

Sr Xtopher never cared to print any thing himself; what was done therefore that way was by others.

Many of Sr Xtopher's Papers fell into the hands of such as made use of them, & published the Notions as their own, and I have heard that even Sr Isaac Newton owed much to such Papers, w^{ch} being borrowed were never restored.

Sr Xtopher was every way as great a man as Sr Isaac & in many Things superior.

Sr Xtopher wrote a History of Architecture but 'tis left unfinished.
30 I told Mr. Bateman of the Papers in the Bodleian Library relating to Sr Xtopher's Directions about cramping & strengthening that Place, when some years ago it was ready to tumble, w^{ch} Papers were put into my hands by Dr. David Gregory, to be lodged in the Bodleian, & accordingly I put them into the Archives there. It was after the Library was so strengthened, w^{ch} cost a great sum of Money, & the Papers, being Sr Xtopher's directions to Dr. Gregory & Dr. Gregory's account of what he did upon those Directions, are to be looked upon as Curiosities, & perhaps may be proper to be put in the Collection. Mr. Bateman said, he had seen them lately before I told him of them.

40 **Sept. 3 (Thur.).** Yesterday morning, about 9 Clock, died at his Lodging in Queen's College, the Reverend Dr. John Gibson, Provost of that College, aged about 56. He hath been for some time in a declining Condition and was lately at Scarborough Spaw in Yorkshire for his health, and was but newly returned. He was taken with a violent Feaver on Sunday Night last. He hath left a Widow and one child, a Son. He took the Degree of M.A. on June 12, 1700, but was super-

Sept. 2, 1730. Samuel Whitchurch to H. (Rawl. 12. 4) [see Diary, Sept. 8].

annuated, that of B.D., July 4, 1712, that of D.D., Mar. 21, 1716. He was elected Provost of his College, Feb. 13, 1716, upon the Death of Dr. W^m Lancaster, w^{ch} happened Feb. 4 that year. He was the fifth of seven brothers, whose names are James (now living at Wotton-Underwood in Bucks.), Jonathan (living), William (living), Thomas (dead), John (before-mentioned, dead), Matthew (living in Herefordshire), George (living, being Fellow of Queen's College). He hath published one Sermon, preached at the Consecration of Queen's College Chappell. When young he was looked upon as a good Disputant, as Queen's College men when young generally are, because of their being kept to 10 Logical points. He had also the Character of being a good paymaster, but he was crazed and whimsical. He was carried at six Clock in the morning on Saturday following, being Sept. 5, and buried that evening in his Parish Church of Farthingstone in Northamptonshire, according to his Will. He was Prebendary of Lincoln and Peterborough Cathedrals.¹

On Tuesday, Aug. 25 last, began the Horse Races in Port Meadow near Oxford, and did not end 'till Monday night, Aug. 31st, so that they continued full six days, but the first day was only one Horse run, w^{ch} was for 50 lbs., & there was little sport also afterwards, but that w^{ch} is scandalous is, that Booths (particularly one) were erected in the Meadow 20 six or seven weeks before the Races began.

Sept. 4 (Fri.). Yesterday, in the afternoon, called upon me again Mr. Maurice, he going out of Town this morning for Worcester.

He told me that Dr. William Thomas, B^p of Worcester, was a man of primitive Christianity and Integrity, and had he lived a little longer, would most certainly have been one of the deprived Bishops.

This B^p Thomas used to say that if all in England took the Oaths, he would not, but should be very glad and willing to die at the Stake, rather than do such a vile scandalous Thing.

Dr. Hickes, Dean of Worcester, once before this Bishop preached, 30 & in his Prayer prayed for K. W^m and Q. Mary by name, as King and Queen *de facto*, for w^{ch} he was, after the Sermon was done, checked by the Bishop, after w^{ch} the Dean (a most firm, conscientious Non-juror) declined doing any such Thing.

The Epitaph upon B^p Thomas was made by himself, only the last part was done by Dr. Hickes. This Epitaph is printed in Ath. Oxon.

This Thomas was a great Sufferer in the Rump Time. Once being reading the Church of England Service to a Congregation in a private place, a soldier (a sort of Officer, I think) took occasion to disturb him, by throwing a Bible at him, and insulting him as a Papist. However, 40 Thomas (a right good man) went on in the Service & passed [it] over like a true Xtian. The Souldier had before this abused him & others as Papists & Mass Readers, & I know not what, & had threatened he would do what he could to obstruct their Devotion. But after this Rudeness & Insolence to the good man, he grew discontented & could not rest in his Bed, as he declared, 'till he had went & begged pardon, w^{ch} accordingly he did with Tears in his Eyes & easily obtained it of the good Man. This the B^p used to mention to his Friends.

¹ The last two sentences are additions by Hearne.—Ed.

The Bishop told one or more Friends of his that he asked B^p Fell who was Author of *The whole Duty of man*, but that he could understand no more but that 'twas a sequestred Irish Clergyman, tho' not perhaps an Irishman by Birth.

Sept. 5 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Aug. 31:—

London, Aug. 25. We hear from Clare Hall in Cambridge that Dr. Green, late Fellow of that College, Author of the celebrated Greenian Philosophy, being dead, hath made the Master, with three Fellows of Clare Hall, 10 Dr. Bentley, and three other Heads of Colleges, his Executors, and has bequeathed all his Estate, to the amount of about 2,000 lib^s., to Clare Hall, on the following Conditions: (1) They are to publish all his Posthumous Works. (2) They are to get his Body anatomized and to hang his Skeleton at the Head of a Class of Books which he made the Hall Library a present of, just before he died. He has likewise ordered a Monument to be erected in 5 Places, with a long Epitaph he has left to be inserted upon each of them. And in case Clare Hall do not execute this his Will, his Effects are to go to St. John's College; and if they refuse, to any other of the respective Colleges that will execute the will of the Deceased.

20 On Wednesday last, at an Annual Meeting of a Society of Gentlemen held at Oxford, the Marquis of Blandford being present and several Persons of Distinction belonging to that University, they chose the Marquis Steward for the year ensuing.

The next Day his Lordship had the Degree of Doctor of the Civil Law conferred upon him by the said University.

Mr. Taylour, of University College, told me last night that there is in their College Register an excellent Speech made & spoke by Mr. Abraham Woodhead in their College, anno 1634, but upon what occasion I do not well understand.

30 **Sept. 6 (Sun.).** After the printing the above-mentioned account of Dr. Green, I received another Account of it from Mr. Baker of Cambridge, in lieu of what I sent him about the author of *The whole Duty of Man*. His letter is dated Sept. 1, 1730. 'I am to thank you', says he, 'for your account of Mr. Woodhead & the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*. He was indeed a very great man & fitted for any thing. But as you seem not to believe him to be the Author of that Book, so it would have been strange he should write such a Book without a mixture of Popery. All the Return I can make is to send you an account of an Author of a different character, who assuredly would not be the Author of *The whole Duty of*
40 *Man*. It is concerning Dr. Green, late Fellow of Clare Hall, Author of the large Volume of Philosophy lately printed, who died lately in Staffordshire.

'He has left a will in nine or ten sheets of Paper, appoints Executors Heads of Colleges, Clare Hall, St. John's, Trinity, Jesus, Sidney, &

Sept. 5, 1730. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (*transcript*; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 6). Has received six guineas more. Dr. Constable used to stay with Mr. Thomas Kymber, a tobacconist in the suburbs of Oxford. Perhaps his was an assumed name. Has heard as yet nothing from Dr. Tanner about Abraham Woodhead.

I think, Christ's. Most of his Effects he leaves to his own College ; but if his Will be not executed in every particular, then to go to the Colleges in succession. One particular has rendered it almost impossible to be executed. He has ordered his Body to be dissected by a skillful surgeon, his Bowels to be buried in King's College Chappell (with a Monument), but his Skeleton to be hung up in the Library for public use. They have been with a Surgeon, who refused (as you may imagine) to undertake the Operation, after the Body had been so long in the ground. However, it is sent for and conveyed hither, and the Provost of King's College refusing to give it interment in that Chappell, it is buried in All Saints Church. 10 Whether they will take it up, when the Bowells are consumed, they know best. The rest of the Particulars are too many for a Letter, & I dare say you have enough already.'

Sept. 7 (Mon.).

[The Epitaph on Nathaniel Resbury, S. T. P., who died July 21, 1711, copied by Mr. Loveday from the Church of St. Giles, Reading.]

Sept. 8 (Tu.). Yesterday morning (tho' it was dismally wet from about 3 Clock till a little after seven, however after a fine day), a little horse of eleven hands and a half high went from the Middle of Magdalen Bridge to St. Gyles's Pound, London, and back again to the said Bridge in 20 sixteen hours and a half, being rode by one and the same boy, a son of one Pad, a Butcher of Oxon., for a wager of ten pounds, laid by the owner of the horse, one Thomas Beauchamp, a currier in St. Peter's parish in the East.

To enquire when, by whom, and upon what occasion the High Cross, situate in the very centre of the City of Bristol was built. One Mr. Samuel Whitchurch of Oriel College sent to me, on the 2nd inst., a Gentleman unknown to me, to know.

Sept. 9 (Wed.). Dr. Rawlinson does not find that his Brother ever had Rastell's Chronicle, tho' they have had and sold severall of that 30 nature, perfect and otherwise, and even yet some imperfect will come to market, for which he is now preparing.

I hear a Catalogue of Peter Le Neve's books and MSS., the last mostly Heraldical, is printed, but the Office of Arms dispute his Widow's right, and they now have their case in Chancery. All his papers, very numerous, relating to Norfolk and Suffolk, are (at Dr. Tanner's request) placed in the Cathedral Library at Norwich.

'Tis said Mr. Collins's books will be sold this winter, and a very extraordinary collection they doubtless are. Notwithstanding this man's infidelity, it is more than whispered that he was not author of any one of 40 those books he was so vain as to wish to be thought the author of, and

Sept. 8, 1730. Samuel Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 61). Will send his subscription for *Trokelowe* by the hands of Mr. Pleydell of Abingdon. Wishes to subscribe for *Gaius*. [See also Diary, Oct. 3.]

Sept. 8, 1730. Edward Lye to H. (Rawl. 7. 198). Will be in Oxford in a fortnight, and will bring H. a charter about Wantage.

that he went constantly to Church and frequently received the Sacrament, even but two days before he dyed.

As Mr. Creyk lived in Mr. Doughty's house, he has taken the care of his Congregation since his death. He is a worthy man in several respects, and relinquished a benefice in Yorkshire worth near 300 lbs. per annum.

Dr. John Gibson, Provost of Queen's College, hastened his End by drinking Drams, a practice much in vogue.

Sept. 10 (Thur.). The Hon^{ble} Charles Constable, Esq., wants some
10 more particulars of Mr. Abraham Woodhead than are in Mr. Ant. à Wood's Ath. Oxon. He hath received some from Mr. Nickalson, who has lived long in foreign realms, and is still alive.

Sept. 11 (Fri.). The said Nickalson I take to be Francis Nicholson, formerly Fellow of Univ. College, and turned out at the time of the Revolution, for Popery. There is an account of him in the spurious Ed. of *Athenae Oxon.* Remember to ask Mr. Constable, what he knows else about Mr. Nickalson's books, besides what is mentioned in the said spurious Ed. of Ath. Ox.

Tho' Mr. Woodhead was not so well regarded at last by his University,
20 yet he must be acknowledged by all men of learning to be no small Ornament to it, both for his knowledge and great piety; and gratitude too requires that that great seat of learning ought to acknowledge him to have stood its friend in the worst of times, when Cromwell and the Parliament, more ways than one, contrived its destruction.

Mr. Constable observes in his Letter to me from Queen Square over against St. George's Church, London, without date, though I received it on Friday, Aug. 14, 1730, that he never knew a good Antiquary partial. *Another motive* (says he) *w^{ch} makes me inclined to you* [for things
30 *about Mr. Abraham Woodhead*] *is the observation that I have made of never knowing a good Antiquary partial, as I have found by reading the Works of the Honest Ant. à Wood, Cambden, Dugdale, and Mr. Dodsworth, all great and worthy labourers in giving us some insight into the past glories of this nation, which you also, with no less earnestness, and with more learning, continue to doe.*

Sept. 12 (Sat.). Mr. Constable hath regained several MSS. of this good man Mr. Abraham Woodhead, which have never yet been published, and he should be glad, when he gets these printed, to prefix a short account of his life, that the World might not be as great a Stranger to him as he was the greatest part of his latter years to it.

40 The original name of this Mr. Constable was Tunstall; his mother was sister to the late Lord Dunbar, and he dying without lawfull Issue, left his Estate to him, with an injunction to change his name for that of Constable. At present he lives in London, and shall continue there 'till next Spring. His Seat in the Country is at Burton-Constable in Holderness, nigh Hull. He saith his *greatest ambition is to be acquainted with such as I, tho' he pretends to very little learning himself, it being his only desire (as the world goes) to be obscurely good and honest.*

Hence it appears to me that he is a modest, humble, good man.

Sept. 13 (Sun.). Mr. Constable in his Letter from the same place of Aug. 20, observes that more persons than Mr. W^m Rogers and Anthony à Wood have imagined Mr. Woodhead to be the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*; Mr. Vinter (who was a contemporary of Mr. Woodhead and an Oxfordian) told a Lady of Mr. Constable's acquaintance that he askt Mr. Woodhead whether he was the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*, and he made no answer; which, considering the great modesty and humility of Mr. Woodhead, may be a sufficient proof of his being really the Author; tho' Mr. Constable cannot but be inclined to believe with me, that he was not the Author, that book being writ in a quite 10 different stile.

Mr. Constable hath been long desirous to have a Print of Mr. Woodhead; but he cannot get any intelligence of any that was ever taken of him. He writ to Mr. Nicolson at Lisbon, but to no purpose; he told him, indeed, that his works were the best picture of him.

Sept. 14 (Mon.). Mr. Constable cannot imagine what Dr. Constable, a Physician, it was I saw some few years agoe at Oxford. He saw one about 22 years agoe at Paris, but he dyed soon after; he was Physician at St. Germain's, and followed the fate of poor K. James the 2nd. There is also another gentleman of that name who studied Physick, and is now 20 at Rome, but he never heard that he was an Antiquary; he is not forty; but both these Constables were of a different Family, coming from the Laisys,¹ who were Constables of Chester, which title of his Office he gave to his second son and his heirs, from whence the above-mentioned Constables came; but the Constables from whence this Cuthbert Constable took his name were of a different Family, as you may see in Camden, where he speaks of that part of the East Riding of Yorkshire called Holderness, and he there calls them Constables of Burton-Constable. Some call him barely Cuthbert Constable, Esq., but others, because he now enjoys the Seigniorie of all Holderness, or the Honour 30 of Albemarl (which formerly belonged to the Earls of Albemarl, and after to Stafford D. of Buckingham, who was attainted 13 Hen. VIII) give him the name of Honourable.

Mr. Constable begs that I would make what inquiry I can about Mr. Abraham Woodhead at Oxford and elsewhere. He says there is one Dean at London, but he is very old and superannuated, and so cannot be depended upon; he was one of Mr. Woodhead's executors, and might, if he was still of sound memory, be able to give one several particulars of his life.

Sept. 15 (Tu.). Yesterday, Alderman Wise was elected Mayor of the 40 City of Oxford for 1731, and Mr. Law, a mercer, and Mr. Carter, a cutler, Bayliffs.

Sept. 15, 1730. H. to Dr. Richard Richardson (Diaries 127. 58). As Mr. Abraham Woodhead, formerly Fellow of University College, was born at Maltham in the parish of Ambury in Yorkshire, being the son of John Woodhead of Thornhill, R. R. being a Yorkshire Man may be able to supply some details additional to the account of Mr. Woodhead in *Athenae Oxon*.

¹ Usually spelt *Lacy*.—Ed.

Sept. 16 (Wed.). Mr. Constable tells me in his Letter from Queen Square of the 1st of this month, that he cannot yet find out who Dr. Constable (whom I mentioned to him with so much esteem) was. He knows very well that there are none of any note or estate in the north, except those of Holderness and Everingham in the East Riding of Yorkshire; of the former he (Mr. Cuthbert Constable) is; of the latter Sir Marmaduke Constable, an unmarried Gentleman, much of the same age as he is, and who has no brothers; he went, about three months before his Letter from London, into France. He cannot but fancy that it was some other
 10 person who took the name of Constable; for if it was any of the North, he should certainly know him. And, indeed, I myself have thought, and do now think, that 'twas an assumed name, but how to be satisfied now, I know not, my friend Mr. Thomas Kimber (where Dr. Constable lodged) being now dead, and I having no (or but very little) acquaintance with Mr. Kimber's son, who rarely comes to Oxford, his Business lying abroad, he being a Man of Note, having had his education at Doway.

Sept. 17 (Thur.). Mr. Morris, when he was with me t'other day, told me that B^p Thomas of Worcester told him that he believed B^p Fell knew who was the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*, but the best
 20 Information he (B^p Thomas) could get, was that 'twas written by a sequestered Irish Divine, tho' perhaps an English man, it being usual for English men to be preferred in Ireland.

Dr. Wall, who wrote of Infant Baptism, is lately dead. I am well assured that this great man's Study is not worth in all above twenty pounds. He read what he had, but had not money to purchase, and 'tis a shame that he was not preferred.

Madam Reading of Sion College is lately dead. She was the second wife of Mr. W^m Reading, Keeper of Sion College Library. The said Mr. Reading hath lately published two volumes of Sermons (a Course
 30 for the whole year) and dedicated them in a long dedication to Dr. Wake, archbishop of Canterbury, who sent him for it a bank-note of twenty libs., the archbishop's letter relating to w^{ch} Mr. Reading hath printed.¹

Mr. Reading means well, but his Sermons are heavy, and he wants judgment much, notwithstanding Mr. Sam. Parker (who likewise wanted Judgment) hath cryed him up for a very judicious man in his *Epitome of the Ecclesiastical Historians*.

To speak the truth, Mr. Parker was proud, conceited, & guilty of things very unwarrantable & not agreeable to the Principles of the most consistent Non-jurors, nor if he had been fixt, would he have fawned,
 40 cringed & flattered as he did *lucris causa*.

Mr. Parker's eldest son, Samuel, is a leather-gilder by Trade, & served his whole time in London, but he is now Clarke of Magd. Coll., being made so by Dr. Butler about Easter Term last, by the obsequious flattery

Sept. 16, 1730. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 3. 146). Asks that letters to him should be superscribed by *the Abbington Bag*; otherwise they are carried round by London, and every letter costs seven pence. [See also Diary, Oct. 4].

¹ Hearne means 'twenty libs. with a letter relating thereto, which Mr. Reading, &c.'

& cringing of his Father, Samuel Parker, so that he hath taken the Oaths to qualify himself, & hath left off his Trade, at the same time that a younger brother, Richard Parker, hath left a Scholarship at Lincoln College & thrown off his Gown, that (as I am told) he may avoid the Oaths. The father is much blamed for perswading, at least permitting, one to take the Oaths, & hindering the other from taking them; for tho' he did well in not letting the younger take them, yet he was very weak in making Interest for him to be Scholar of Lincoln College, and afterwards in pulling off his Gown, while he is as yet a boy, as it were, and unprovided for otherwise, when it would have been far better to have put him to a Trade.

Sept. 18 (Fri.). What is said above about Mr. Samuel Parker, the father, is not so much my own opinion as that of others. As he used to speak much against Dr. Hickes, Mr. Collier, &c., so such particular notice was taken thereof, that he was severely animadverted upon for it, at least he found the Effects of it, viz. a sort of contempt, especially after his warping upon the Death of Dr. Lloyd, B^p of Norwich, and his singular behaviour at the publick Churches, where he continually rose up and made odd Motions at the immoral Petitions, by w^{ch} he not only disturbed the Congregations, who used to make complaints thereof, but gave much Offence to honest Men. 'Tis true, he never took the Oaths, but then those that were both Non-Jurors & abstained from the publick Churches, looked upon him as only half a Non-Juror and a Schismatick, and this he knew full well, to his great uneasiness; as he was likewise uneasy at other Things, particularly that he should give such weak advice to Madam Cherry about disposing her Husband's MSS., quite contrary to his Will and Design. When he was upon his Death Bed, he said he had a heavy load upon him, as I have heard, for I knew nothing of his Illness till after his death; & it seems his son Richard's case particularly affected him.

He taught his son Richard to rise up also & make odd Motions at Church, tho' (I think) he did not so when he wore a gown, and was Scholar of Lincoln College.

Sept. 19 (Sat.). Richard Topham, Esq., Keeper of the Records in the Tower of London, is dead. He was a man very curious in Classical Learning, and being a Batchelour & very rich, he made a very fine Collection of Books and Prints, but was very little versed in our Records. When I was printing *Livy*, he happened to be in Oxford, a little before Dr. Mill died, with Dr. Cave, and being at the publick Library, Dr. Cave was pleased to talk much to me, and parting from me, says he, 'I came purposely to Oxford to see that young Man,' pointing to me, and added that if he had had me with him, he could have done much greater matters than he did; in reference to w^{ch} it must be known that when I was Bach. of Arts, Dr. Cave endeavoured to get me to be his *Amanuensis*, & wrote

Sept. 19, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 55). [See Diary, Sept. 27 and 28.] 'I doubt our friend Dr. Tanner is in a bad state of health. Mr. Harbin (now with me) presents his service.'

to Dr. Mill on that account, but the Dr. would not let me go, being unwilling to part with me, nor indeed had I any inclination; so he sent to him one I. Odyll, M.A. of Edmund Hall.

Sept. 20 (Sun.). Mr. Lawrence Echard, Archdeacon of Stow, Prebendary of Lowth in the Church of Lincoln, and Rector of Rendlesham and Sudborne in Suffolk, is lately dead. He was an ingenious as well as laborious Author, having published the Roman History in five Volumes 8^{vo}, an Ecclesiastical History in Folio, the History of England in Folio, the Gazetteer in 8^{vo}, with many others. His History of
10 England is but mean, the first parts being taken from common books that are in everyone's hands, and the latter part from News Papers. Had he been versed in MSS. & curious that way, & consulted such Books as have been published exactly from them, his Performance might have been exquisite. He could not write Latin in any tolerable manner.

Sept. 21 (Mon.). Mr. West coming to Oxford last night, he sent me a very rare thing (which I do not remember to have ever seen before) all printed in a red letter in 2 sheets, 4^{to}, intituled: 'The Bloody Court or the Fatall Tribunall; being a brief History and true Narrative of the strange Designs, wicked Plots, and Bloody Conspiracies, carryed on by
20 the most sordidest, vile, and Usurping Tyrants, in these late Years of Oppressions, Tyranny, Martyrdome and Persecutions; Discovering the poisonous Asps, King-killing Basilisks, weeping Hypocrites and devouring Caterpillars, who in their Damnable Treasons have far surpassed the Powder-Conspiracy, secretly contriving but openly acting the Murther of our late Gracious King Charles, the ruine of all the Royal Issue, the overthrow of all our Laws, the blowing up of all Parliaments, the subverting of the whole State of Government; and the setting up of a confused Babel, watered with the blood of the KING and his People, &c.'

Neither Author nor year nor place of printing.

30 **The Author**, without doubt a Presbyterian. He casts all upon Papists & Independents, & excuses the Presbyterians altogether.

Page 6. It should seem some of them [his Enemies in the Court] had been enquiring of Lilly the Sorcerer, whether they should take away his life, to whom he replied *That if the Head of his staff fell off, His Head would fall off also.* And the very first day the King was brought before them, they had bewitched the Head of his staff to fall off, which made them that were his Judges confident of success in their Treason.

Mr. West at the same time lent me a thin 4^{to} Vellum MS. containing part of the *Officium pitanciarie ecclesie Elyensis*; written temp. Edw. I.

40 **Sept 22 (Tu.).** An extract from the said *Pitanciarie* :

Haec sunt festa in quibus conventus debet habere pitanciam magnam :

In die Translacionis beatae Etheldredae, de sacrista xis. & de Tripelawe vs.

In festo Omnium Sanctorum xs. de Iohanne Amisys de Berwham.

In die sanctae Katerinae xxs. iiid. de Tripelawe.

In die sancti Andreae apostoli vis. iiid. de Tripelawe.

In die sancti Nicholay xs. de Trippelawe.

In die Concepcionis sanctae Mariae vis. viiid. de Camerario & de Trippelawe vs.

In die sancti Thomae Cantuariensis archiepiscopi *x.s.* de Camerario.

In die Epiphaniae domini *vis. vii^{id}.* de Trippelawe.

In die Cathedracionis sancti Petri *vs.* de ecclesia de Melton.

In dominica Palmarum *x.s.* de tr . . bus le . . . in parochia Omnium Sancto-
torum.

In die sancti Albani *x^{is}.* *viii^{id}.* de Trippelawe.

In die Ascensionis Domini *vis. vii^{id}.* [de] Beckedale in Swafham.

In die Depositionis beatae Etheldredae *x^{is}.* de sacrista.

In Passione apostolorum Petri & Pauli *vs.* de ecclesia de Meltone.

In die sanctae Sexburgae *x.s.* de Sutfolke, sed modo de Trippelawe. 10

In die sanctae Wythburgae *viii^{is}.* de Trippelawe.

In die sancti Petri ad vincula *vs.* de ecclesia de Sutburne.

In die sancti Laurencii *xiii^{is}.* *iiii^{id}.* de Trippelawe.

In die Assumpcionis beatae Mariae *xxvi^{is}.* *viii^{id}.* de sacrista.

In die Nativitatis beatae Mariae *vs.* de ecclesia de Sutburne.

Haec sunt anniversaria in quibus dantur pitanciae :

In anniversario Iohannis de Hemmygston *xiii^{is}.* *iiii^{id}.* de Lakyngh'.

In anniversario Ysabellae Cresy *x^{is}.* *i^{id}.* de parte redditus villae & de quodam
in Wythforde *xii^{id}.*

In anniversario Galfridi de Burgo episcopi *xxvi^{is}.* *viii^{id}.* de assartis de 20
Somerysham & habebit conventus eodem die bonam pitanciam & potagium de
Rys & bonam servisiam per duos dies.

In anniversario Willelmi episcopi post Natale *xxvi^{is}.* *viii^{id}.* de assartis
de Somerysham prioris & habebit conventus omnia sicut in anniversario
Galfridi predicti.

In anniversario Eustachii episcopi *xiii^{is}.* *iiii^{id}.* de sacrista de Berkyng &
habebit conventus pitanciam & servisiam per unum diem.

In anniversario Ricardi regis *lii^{is}.* *iiii^{id}.* de maneriis quondam Oseberti de
Longocampo in Leueringtone & Ricardi Lovedai in Elm. & habebit conventus
omnia sicut in anniversario Galfridi episcopi. 30

In anniversario Hugonis prioris *x^{is}.* de Trippelawe.

In anniversario Walteri prioris *xx^{is}.* de terra de Kenteforde.

In anniversario Iohannis de Funteys episcopi, et in anniversario Hugonis de
Norwalde episcopi v marcas de Parva Haddon.

Festa sunt haec & dies in quibus conventus debet habere cervisiam
caritatis:

Dies sanctae Fidis virginis

Sanctorum Dyonisii Rustici & Eluth¹

Apostolorum Symonis & Iudae

Dominica prima Adventus

Dominica secunda Adventus

Item .O. Emanuel¹

In die sancti Vincencii martiris

In die Conversionis Pauli apostoli

Dominica prima Quadragesimae

Dominica Mediae Quadragesimae

In festo sancti Gregorii

In die sancti Benedicti abbatis

Dominica in ramis palmarum

In vigilia Paschae

In die apostolorum Philippi & Iacobi

In vigilia Pentecostes

In die sancti Augustini episcopi

In die sancti Botolphi

¹ Hearne writes '.o. & ella.'

In Commemoracione sancti Pauli
 In die sanctae Margaretæ
 In die sancti Iacobi apostoli
 In die sancti Bartholomei
 In decollacione sancti Iohannis Baptistæ
 In die sancti Ethelwaldi
 In die sancti Mathei apostoli
 In die sancti Ieronimi presbiteri.

In this Book was 'Copia cartarum & instrumentorum de omnibus
 10 redditibus et proventibus ad istud officium pitanciariæ pertinencium'.
 But there is now only part of it, tho' that is pretty large. In this Book in
 the said *Copia* are some remarkable particulars relating to the Tithes of
 Little Hadham.

[Returned it back to Mr. West on Wed. morning, Sept. 23, 1730,
 he being then at my Room.]

Sept. 24 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mond.,
 Sept. 21 :—

We hear from Cambridge that they have not thought fit at Clare Hall to
 comply with the will of the late Dr. Green, so far as directed the anatomizing
 20 his Body and setting his Skeleton in the Library, for Decency's sake ; but
 have on the contrary caused his Body to be interred.

Sept. 26 (Sat.). Mr. West went out of town into Northamptonshire
 yesterday, after 3 Clock in the Afternoon. Before he went he told me that
 Mr. Hoblin, a Gentleman Commoner of Corpus Christi College, had given
 or rather sold him a MS. Copy of the Statutes of the University of Cam-
 bridge. The said Copy is (it seems) an Abridgment only, but much
 larger than the printed Abstract.

Mr. West also told me a Gentleman of Merton College had given him
 a Copy of Merton College Statutes.

30 Mr. West likewise told me that he had got from Mr. Rawlins of Pop-
 hills the MSS. Papers of Mr. Wood that he, the said Mr. Rawlins, shewed
 me about a year since, at w^{ch} time however Mr. Rawlins told me he would
 not part with them, & since he told me by Letter he would serve me to the
 utmost of his Power, insinuating that he would lend me any Papers
 he had.

The before-mentioned Mr. Hoblin hath purchased Dr. Sleech, lately
 Fellow of Eaton's Books for 150 lib^s., most of w^{ch} are Divinity, & 'tis no
 choice Collection. It is supposed it was by the advice of his Tutor
 Mr. Burton, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, a man that sets up for
 40 a reformer of Discipline in the University, but in such indiscreet a manner
 that he is looked upon as little better than crazed. Mr. Hoblin (it seems)
 is rich & lays much money out in books.

Mr. West's eldest sister Mary, a most handsome young Woman, of
 about 22 years of age, was married on Thursday, the 10th of this month,
 to Mr. Razer, a young Gent. of about the same age, who Mr. West told
 me is a Merchant. They were (it seems) perfectly in love with one
 another.

Sept. 27 (Sun.). In B^p Humphreys's Papers that I am now printing,
 is an abstract of Mr. Charles Jones's will, but there is nothing more con-

cerning him in them, as they came from the Bp of Peterborough to Mr. Baker. *Mr. Baker's Letter, Sept. 19.*

They have no Register at King's College except of those of the Foundation, where Mr. Baker meets with none of the name of Morrice. But in the University Register he finds Tho. Morris, Coll. Regal., takes the Degree of Bac. of Arts, an. 1683, 4. I know not whether Mr. Morrice of Worcester's name be Thomas. Mr. Baker does not find he proceeded Mr of Arts. He believes him (as I do) to be the same, for in Mr. Kettlewell's *Life*, Append., p. 30, at the Diocese of Worcester, Mr. Thomas Maurice, Curate of Claines & Minor Canon, occurs in the 10 List of Sufferers.

Dr. Green, who made so odd a will, took the Degree of D.D. when the King [Geo. II] was at Cambridge, and is not related to the Bp of Ely (usually called, from his Effeminateness, Miss Green, who wrote the *Life of Hen. Wharton* before his Sermons, in wch, as I remember, he hath omitted Mr. Wharton's Specimen of Errors in Burnett's *History of the Reformation*, published under the name of Anthony Harman), being a Staffordshire man, where he died, and the Bp of Norfolk.¹

Sept. 28 (Mon.). Mr. Gilbert Gardiner, who is one of the Almsmen of Mr. Stone's Hospital in St. Clement's near Oxford, was born in 1664. 20 This man hath been stark blind a great many years, yet he walks all over Oxford (by himself) very often, & dresses & nourishes his garden himself, & sells things out of it without assistance, distinguishing and ordering all Things with as much exactness as any one that can see. He is a very hearty, hale man.

By Mr. Wood's Account of Lynacre's Book, he seems not to have seen it. Mr. Baker is apt to think he may have mistaken its being English for the English edition. The English Edition of the only Book of Grammar that Mr. Baker hath seen was printed 1524. At the end of the book thus: *Thomae Linacri Angli de emendata Structura, sive de Con-* 30 *structionis figuris Liber Sextus. Londini apud Richardum Pynsonum mense Decembri MDXXIII, cum Privilegio Regio, 4^{to}.* This Edition, copied by all the following Editions, Mr. Baker was possessed of, & had he not given it to St. John's College Library (with many more old Books) it should (he says) have been at my service. But he thinks himself at liberty to lend it out, and if it may be of any use to me or my Friend, it shall be ready, he says, for me. It is the only Copy of that Edition he ever saw.

NB. I mentioned it to Mr. Baker upon account of Mr. Brooks of Brazenose, who wanted the English Book. But Mr. Brooks since told me that 40 they have the Book in Latin in Brazennose Coll. Library, wch is sufficient for his friend, so I will excuse Mr. Baker's trouble.

Sept. 29 (Tu.). Mr. Abraham Woodhead, Fellow of Univ. College, made a most excellent Speech upon beginning the Foundation of the Building of the west side of University College Quadrangle, anno 1634. This building was begun Apr. 14, 1634, according to Wood, p. 65.

¹ Hearne's meaning is 'and the bishop being of Norfolk'.—Ed.

Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. told me yesterday 'tis in their College Register, and that Mr. Thomas Walker, then Master, hath wrote over against it, that Mr. Woodhead was Author.

Yesterday, at nine Clock in the morning, called upon me Charles Gray of Colchester, Esq., the same that some years since gave me a Copy of a beautifull Roll of the Estates of Glastonbury Abbey at the Dissolution, ^{weh} I have printed at the end of Peter Langtoft, tho' without Mr. Gray's name, he being not willing it should be mentioned.

He is a Barrister of Law, & now takes great delight in collecting ¹⁰ & considering old Coins. He is of opinion that Camalodunum is Colchester. I urged him to write the antiquities of Colchester; he said they wanted materials.

He said Mr. Holman of Halstede in Essex hath got large Extracts of Domesday Book and other Records relating to the County of Essex. These Extracts were probably S^r Simonds D'Ewes's. This Holman is a Puritan, I think a Presbyterian Teacher.

The said Holman hath also a great many old Chartularies and other Curiosities in Antiquity. Perhaps these likewise (at least some of them) belonged to Sir Simonds D'Ewes.

²⁰ This Holman is a mean Scholar. Some years since he collected and drew up an account in a particular manner of the History and Antiquities of Essex, but instead of publishing it, he makes Money of it by taking Fees of such as come to him for Resolution, of ^{weh} sort there are many, & should he print it his Trade that way would be spoiled.

Mr. Gray hath many deeds of lands in Ginge Lowndre in Essex, but nothing in Ginge Atteston.

Mr. Gray is a married man & but young.

The old Congregation House near St. Marie's church, Oxon., & in the cimtery of the said Church, was formerly called 'Semly Hows'.¹ So in ³⁰ Mr. West's MS. fol. in vellum relating to Mancestre in Warwickshire.

Sept. 30 (Wed.). The Coin above-mentioned ² given me by Mr. Gray is a Silver one of Marseilles; on the front of ^{weh} is *Dianæ caput cum arcu & pharetra* & just under her chin the Letter H.

From the Northampton Mercury for Sept. 28 :—

The late Richard Topham, Esq., did by his Will bequeath his Library worth about 7,000 libs. to the Cotton [*quaere*] Library at Cambridge.

Oct. 1 (Thur.). Dr. Knight succeeded Dr. Thomas Tanner as Prebendary in the Seventh Stall.

In Caius's Annals it is sayd in words at length—*Resignavit officium* ⁴⁰ *custodis Thomae Legge, Artium magistro, viro gravi atque docto et custodi decimo nono, 27^o die Junii, 1573*; & yet Mr. Baker hath observed no other differences in the Catalogues of Caius College than that Thomas Bacon in the Annals is numbered twice, first as M^r of Gonville Hall, & then (upon the new foundation) as M^r of Gonville & Caius College. *M^r. Baker's letter of Aug. 16.*

This afternoon, at 2 Clock, was a Convocation to continue Dr. Edw.

¹ i. e. Assembly House.—Ed.

² No coin has been mentioned.—Ed.

Butler, President of Magd. Coll., Vice-Chancellor another year, being his 3rd year. Pro-vice-chancellours are Dr. Dobson, President of Trin. Coll., Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brasnose, Dr. Mather, President of Corpus, and Dr. Morley, Rector of Lincoln College.

Oct. 2 (Fri.). Mr. Worthington has made Collections for the Parochial Antiquities or History of Cambridgeshire. I do not know if he intends to print; they are yet very imperfect. He has given a good many Books to the Publick Library at Cambridge, & at this present is giving more. He has an Estate left him by his father at Moulton in Suffolk, about 40 or 50 lib. per an., which by his own Frugality maintains him handsomely, & will at his death, I presume, come to his sister's children, with whom he lives in great Retirement.

Oct. 3 (Sat.). Samuel Gale, Esq., tells me in a Letter from London, Sept. 8, 1730, that Antiquities at present seems to be a little upon the Decline amongst them at London, they having lost several of their learned Members by death and other accidents; but they are waiting with Impatience for a Curious Dissertation upon Abery and Stonehenge, from Dr. Stukeley, in which (he is told) there will appear some amazing discoveries.

NB. This is Dr. Stuckley, whom I have formerly mentioned. He was a Physician, but is now in Orders and hath a Living. He is a fancifull man and looked upon as beside himself.

Oct. 4 (Sun.). Dr. Humphrey Humphreys was translated from the see of Bangor to Hereford in a pretty advanced age, when infirmities were coming upon him; which meeting with a sanguine constitution made him not so conversable as in his younger days; so my friend Mr. W^m Brome did not often wait upon him. When Mr. Brome was with him, he discoursed very learnedly of Antiquities, English, & Welsh, & would give him the Welsh Etymons of Places in their County, which he thought very apposite. He had made large Remarks (as hath been said) upon Camden's Britannia, w^{ch} book Mr. Brome & myself have much enquired after, but we could never hear where it is, my Lord Oxford knowing nothing at all of his Writings. He was reckoned next to Mr. Edw. Lluyd for knowledge in the British Language; but Mr. Lluyd has told Mr. Brome & others he was a greater Master of it. His brother in Law, Dr. Morgan, Rector of Ross, can give the best account of him of any one Mr. Brome knows, but he is difficult of Address; however, Mr. Brome will endeavour to get a short Detail from him upon my account.

Oct. 5 (Mon.). In the Library of the Church of Rochester is a large Folio Vellum MS. entered in their Catalogue under the Title of *Liber Theologicarum Quaestionum per dominum Iohannem. &c.* Mr. Loveday (who told me of it) says this is doubtless part of the Work, but he makes a Quære whether there may not be in it some Historical Notices relating

Oct. 3, 1730. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 74). 'Cousin West' has been at Warwick and bought a life of St. Werburg and other things.

to the Convent of Rochester, since in the 2nd Leaf he finds this Titulus :
Liber de Claustro Roffensi per dominum Iohannem eiusdem loci Priorem.

Oct. 6 (Tu.). Jonathan Davison, B.D., a Newcastle-upon-Tyne man, was presented by St. John's Coll., Cambridge, in 1687 to the Vicarage of Aldworth in Berks. (which formerly belonged to the Abbey of Whorwell or Wherwell in Hampshire & was given to the College by archbishop Williams), but refusing the Oaths to K. William & Queen Mary, and the College presenting no other man, it lapsed to Burnet, B^p of Salisbury, who presented one Bowchier, after whom John Peareth, M.A.,
 10 was presented by the College. This Davison transcribed the old Registers of Aldworth into a Vellum Folio in a very good hand. It begins in 1556. This Information I had from Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll., Oxford, who had it of Mr. Peareth.

Oct. 7 (Wed.). Rastall's sign at the end of his Chronicle is a very odd one. It is called in Cowper's MS. Catalogue, *penes Hans Sloane, the Creation*. Cowper there mentions it when he is speaking of Rastall's Chronicle. Lord Oxford lent me that Chronicle. In another book L^d Oxford hath 'tis called *The Sygne of the Meremayd*. My Lord hath
 20 another book which has no description above it, but just as the Chronicle is. So my Lord told me in his Letter from Dover Street, July 21, 1730.

Oct. 8 (Thur.). In the book of W^m Wyrcester, which I had of the Heralds' Office, when I was printing the *Black Book of the Exchequer*, is a fragment in French of the intended combat between the Dukes of Hereford and Norfolk, that contains particulars (as Mr. Anstis formerly told me) not in any of our printed Historians, w^{ch} he thought might have been applicable to the History I was then about of Ric. II, but I did not myself judge it proper to take notice of it.

Wood does not mention the Country of Sir Thomas Clayton either in the *Historia* or *Athenae*, & the Books of the Heralds' Office only relate
 30 his Knighthood on the 27th Mar., 1661, without any other particulars. The Matriculation Book of Oxford will tell his Country.

Oct. 9 (Fri.). Mr. Baker doubts most of the considerable particulars in *Gascoign's Dictionary* are printed already. This he said upon occasion of my mentioning the Extract of all the historical Passages in it in the hands of Mr. George Harbin, of w^{ch} L^d Oxford hath a Copy.

Mr. Baker finds there has been such a Book of Grammar of Linacer in English by Buchanan, who translated it into Latin; but being for the use of Schools he presumes all the Copies may have been torn & wasted among Scholars and not possible to be met with now. But his Latin
 40 Book contains all, and that with Improvements.

Oct. 6, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 56). Mr. Harbin is at Wimple with Lord Oxford. [See also Diary, Oct. 9.]

Oct. 8, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 164). 'I find the gentlemen of Corpus disperse their Case; for I have had two or three sent me by anonymous donors.' Hopes to drink H.'s health with Mr. Granger and Mr. Holmes [see Diary, Oct. 10, which is copied from this letter].

Oct. 10 (Sat.). Quaere who was the Author of the book entitled *Les Chroniques de Normandie*. 'Tis made use of by Stow, Grafton, and many of our English Historians. An imperfect Copy of it (the only one he ever saw) was lately lent Mr. West by Martin Wright, Esq., author of the Law of Tenures. There is much curious History in it, relating to Henry V, John Duke of Bedford, and the Earl of Somerset. 'Tis printed by Jean Maw at Rouen, without date.

Mr. George Holmes is confirmed in his Place of Deputy Keeper of the Records by Mr. Polhil, who is made Keeper of the Records in the room of Mr. Topham, deceased.

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Oct. 11 (Sun.). Last night, meeting with Mr. Moses Williams in the street, I took him to my room at Edmund Hall, & had some Discourse with him.

His first Wife being dead without Issue, he very lately married a second. This Moses Williams is well skilled in the British Language, & took care of Mr. Wotton's Ed. of Howel Dha's laws, published lately since Mr. Wotton's death.

He told me he had some design of putting out a new Edition of Dr. Powell's History of Wales, with the British Text of Caradoc of Lancarvon and many Additions besides.

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He said there are about twenty copies of Caradoc of Lancarvon in the Library of the late Great Antiquary, Mr. Vaughan of Henguist, the present Heir having an inclination to Learning, & having still a pretty Library.

He told me he takes the Answer of the Abbat of Bangor to Austin the Monk, asking subjection of the Britains¹ to the Church of Rome, printed in p. 108 of Spelman's Councils, to be spurious. This he told me upon my mentioning to him that I thought it to be so, though I was unskilled in British.

It is also printed by Smith in Ven. Bede, p. 716, but without noting³⁰ that 'tis spurious, tho' Mr. Williams had told Mr. Smith that 'tis so, as he told me.

Mr. Williams some years ago printed a little Catalogue of what printed

Oct. 11, 1730. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 46). Returns Ashmole's Orders, &c. 'You do well to add *Pride* to what was said of the Gr r's son,² and the lowest submissions *lucris causa*.' Would like a Catalogue of Le Neve's books. 'I know nothing of Mr. F. Gyles's buying any parcel of Mr. Dodwell's books. He bought indeed here at Oxford, a little before Mr. Whiteside dyed, a great number of Mr. Dodwell's book *de Cyclis*, by the help of Mr. Whiteside (who it may be had his interest in them) for a very inconsiderable sum, of Tillemont Bobart, husband of John Hall's widow, which books John Hall stopt when Benj. Tooke broke, and having satisfied the University kept them as his own, tho' Mr. Dodwell was never satisfied in the least for compiling that excellent work, as I have several times heard him say, so that he lost all his Copy money, w^{ch} was considerable, what he used to take, on purpose to bestow it in Charity.' In a Postscript H. adds that he learns that Mr. Dodwell's books have been sold by his eldest son.

¹ i. e. Britons. Hearne often uses the spelling 'Britains'.—Ed.

² For 'the Greweller's son'. See letter of Aug. 31.—Ed.

Books in Welsh he knew of. He hath since enlarged it, & designs to give another Edition with an Addition of a Catalogue of the British MSS.

Oct. 12 (Mon.). Last night, called upon me Roger Gale, Esq.

I had heard that he was about printing a second Edition of his Antoninus's Itin. through Britain. He said in his Travels he had made a great many new Observations, & collected several Inscriptions not in his Antoninus, but he did not intend another Ed., but rather (if he had time) to make it a new work, the former being chiefly his Father's.

10 He told me he had a MS. of *Historia Elyensis* (part of w^{ch} is published by his Father) of the age of Hen. III.

He said he could not imagine what became of his Father's MS. of *Hemyngford*, w^{ch} he believes must be an old one and not a modern Transcript.

He insinuated that there is a great deal of obscene Stuff in Hoel Dha's laws, w^{ch} I have not yet seen.

He said Mr. Baxter's *Glossarium Romanum* (of w^{ch} the Letter A only is printed) is much better than his *Glossarium Brit.*, and yet that even in that also there is much Trash.

20 Baxter, in his *Gloss. Brit.*, in the Preface, p. vii, makes Hengist enter into League with Vortigern, who gave him his Daughter Rouen thereupon in marriage, & that the Picts & Scots also joyned with them in the said Covenant, & so Hengist got possession of the Roman Province. On the contrary, 'tis true that Vortigern called in the Saxons in opposition to the Picts & Scots, who were avowed enemies to the Britains.¹ Baxter's is only a notion without Authority.

Oct. 13 (Tu.). Moses Williams, when he was with me t'other night, signified that the British Chronicle in MS. in Jesus Coll. Library is only a Translation of Geffry of Monmouth into Welsh, whereas I always
30 thought it had been the Original to the Latin & much fuller. This deserves particularly to be considered, because if it be the old British one, from w^{ch} Geffrey deduced his, it will most highly deserve to be published. I know not whether Mr. Williams be a true proper Judge, because I hear (what I had also understood from some before) by such as know, that tho' he be well skilled in the modern Welsh, yet he is but indifferently versed in the ancient British, w^{ch} I suppose may be the reason why Mr. Smith did not rely upon what he said, when he told him that the Abbat of Bangor's answer in Spelman is spurious. This Chronicle
40 I have been often urgent with the Welshmen of Jesus College to print, with some Translation, either Latin or English, or some other, but they are all averse, & are utterly for discouraging their own History.

Oct. 14 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Oct. 12 :—

There is dead very lately the Rev. Mr. James Finmore, Vicar of Odiham in Hampshire, a Gentleman of great Merit, exemplary Life, and Conversation,

Oct. 14, 1730. G. Ballard to H. (Rawl. 14. 20) [*see* Diary, Jan. 11, 1731].

and an indulgent Parent; he is justly lamented by his Parishioners, and all who had the happiness of knowing him.

NB. I formerly knew this Gentleman very well, viz. when he was Curate for many years at Shottesbrooke in Berks. to Dr. White Kennett, Rector of that place, at w^{ch} time Mr. Finmore used to read Prayers constantly twice a day, Morning and Evening, in the Parish Church. He took the Degree of M.A., as a member of Balliol College, on July 4, 1694.

Oct. 15 (Thur.). In Selden's Eadmer, p. 211, is a Charter of K. Hen. I, turning the Abbey of Ely into a Bishoprick. But Mr. Selden thinks it spurious. Mr. Gale, however, told me on Sunday night last that 'tis in the old MS. of the History of Ely, part of w^{ch} his father hath printed, written in the reign of Hen. III, from whence at least thus much may be gathered, that the word *Dux* as distinct from *Comes*, with respect to a Title of Honour, w^{ch} is made mention of in this Charter, was in use in Hen. III's time, whereas Selden in his note upon the Charter tells us 'twas not so used till the Reign of Ed. III.

Oct. 16 (Fri.). Dr. Michael Stapylton was Mr. Baker's old friend, tho' he (Mr. Baker) hath not seen him since the Act, 1687. I have before noted that they were School Fellows. They have a great Affection the one for the other, and are both Men of great Learning, and tho' Mr. Baker be a Non-Juror, and the other not, yet they are both of them virtuous, good men, and accordingly so respected.

Oct. 17 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the morning, called upon me Mr. Samford of Balliol College, and among other Things told me that they had got in their College Library an old 4^{to} MS. in Vellum *de forma Religiosorum*. It belonged to the Abbey of Westminster. He told me he would shew me that or any other MS. in their Coll. Library, whenever I pleased. He said he could not tell who gave this MS.

Oct. 18 (Sun.). The old Congregation House of the Univ. of Oxford was built originally by a certain old Scholar, long before St. Marie's Church was united & appropriated to Oriel College. Thomas Arundel, at that time Archbishop of Canterbury, gave 50 marks to Oriel College to part with their right, upon condition that they receive a penny a year, so that afterwards it should belong for ever to the University. I know not who that certain old Scholar that built it was, but am apt to think it was built in K. Alfred's time, tho', it may be, rebuilt afterwards even before Arundel's purchase.

Oct. 19 (Mon.). About a fortnight since, died in Devonshire Mr. Samuel Wells, an Oxford young man, aged about 26, by birth. He was formerly Clark of All Souls, and thence came to Edmund Hall. He was Bach. of Arts, and about ten years' standing in the University. He was handsome, but led a strange, drunken, loose, debauched Life, & spent a vast deal of money, with w^{ch} he was furnished by his Aunt, who is the wife of Mr. Rich. Dyer, late Fellow of Oriel Coll., who now lives with his said wife in Devonshire. This Samuel Wells walked lately over into Devonshire, and lived at some Distance from his Uncle

& Aunt, his Uncle (who cared not to see such an extravagant Debauchee) all the time being ignorant thereof, tho' his Aunt, who contrived it, was privy to everything.

Oct. 20 (Tu.). Samuel Hill of Shenston, in the county of Stafford, Esq., an ingenious Man, has an ample Study of Books, and a long Purse, as I was told by my Friend Mr. Edward Arblaster, by letter on Dec. 22, 1725. Quaere whether he be still living.

In that year were several brass Coins or Counters found in the pulling down an old House, belonging to Sir Edward Littleton of Staffordshire; 10 the Inscription of some of them is thus.¹

Oct. 21 (Wed.). Yesterday, in the afternoon, was elected Provost of Queen's College, Oxon., in room of Dr. John Gibson deceased, the Rev. Joseph Smith, D.D., in his absence, & I believe, without his Privy, formerly Fellow of this College, but now Rector of a parish in London. He is brother to the late learned Dr. John Smith, Prebendary of Durham, to whom we owe the edition of Bede's Historical Pieces, of ^{web} Edition his son Mr. George Smith took care after his death. This Dr. Joseph Smith is a married man & hath children, but he is a grave, sober, virtuous man. The Candidates at first were Dr. Mich. Hutchinson, Minister of 20 Hackney, formerly Fellow of the College, Dr. Steadman, & Mr. John Fletcher, Fellows of the College. Hutchinson had stood formerly, upon the death of Dr. Lancaster, but missed it. Mr. Fletcher desisted to Mr. Hutchinson, so that the contest was between Dr. Hutchinson & Steadman. There were fourteen votes, and would have been fifteen had not one of the Fellows, Mr. Shaw, been absent beyond Sea. There were seven & seven of a side, & there the matter stuck 'till yesterday, when, to determine the point & hinder the matter's being brought to the Visitor, they elected Dr. Smith, to whom Dr. Steadman in that case was a Friend. Dr. Hutchinson is a married man, his 3rd wife being living, & he hath 30 one Daughter living, as I am told, but (I think) he hath no son. Dr. Hutchinson was very ambitious of the Place, was here himself, and treated high, being a rich man.

Oct. 23 (Fri.). Old Mr. Hailley the Potter being in Oxford, told me last night that my Brother in Law, Thomas Field of Uburne² in Bucks., who married my sister Anne Hearne, died on Monday last, and was buried there the Wednesday following.

He told me also that the eldest of my brother William Hearne's children, they being twins, is dead, being named William, but that the youngest, being christned Thomas, is living; but I knew not before that 40 he was so named.

Oct. 22, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 34) [see Diary, Oct. 28].

¹ Then follows a drawing of a coin; the motto round is 'Gotes Segen macht Reich'.

² i.e. Wooburn.—Ed.

Oct. 24 (Sat.). Yesterday I was well assured that Mr. Drake of York hath laid aside his Antiquities of York, and that he is now upon the Antiquities of Pontefract, being directed by Dr. Edmund Gibson, B^p of London, who hath got what he pleased of Mr. Thoresby's Curiosities.

Oct. 25 (Sun.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Oct. 19 :—

There is very lately dead the Rt. Rev. Father in God, William Talbot, Lord Bishop of Durham, being the 71st Bishop of that Diocese. He was Lord Lieutenant of that County, one of the Governors of the Charter-House, and one of the Society for Promoting the Gospel in Foreign Parts; consecrated 10 Bishop of Oxford, Sept. 24, 1699, from whence, on the 19th of March, 171⁴, he was translated to the see of Salisbury in the room of Dr. Gilbert Burnet deceased; and in 1721 from thence to that of Durham, in the room of the Right Hon. & Right Rev. the Lord Crew deceased.

Oct. 26 (Mon.). The said Talbot was the son of a father of both his names of the City of Lichfield, Esq., descended from an antient and noble Family. He became a Gent. Commoner of Oriel Coll., in the very beginning of the year 1674, aged 15 years, and in the year following spoke a good speech in the Encaenia (like a child) that was none of his own. Afterwards he took the Degrees in Arts, entered into Orders, 20 married the daughter of one — Crisp (an Attorney), living in Chipping-Norton, and was beneficed. At length, upon the coming to the Crown of William Prince of Orange, he was by the endeavors of his kinsman Charles Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, in great favour with that King, promoted to the Deanery of Worcester in the place of the learned and religious Dr. George Hicks, ejected from the said Dignity for refusing the Oaths to the said King and his Queen, in Apr. 1691, and in June following was diplomated Dr. of Div. by Dr. Jo. Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Aug. 8, 1699, he had the same Degree conferred on him by Diploma by the Univ. of Oxon. He was a man of a personable, 30 gracefull presence, & a good smooth delivery in the Pulpit, w^{ch} pleased the Multitude, but his Sermons were frothy and shallow, of w^{ch} there are several printed. When he was a young man in the University, he was most remarkably and scandalously idle & debauched, minded no studies of learning, but was a compleat Rake, and indeed he had very little of Religion to his dying day. He was perfectly regardless of his words & promises, unless purely for secular Interest, and was sadly illiterate.

Oct. 24, 1730. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 11). Has had a violent fever 'which, upon the turn, caused all the humors of my body to settle in my right leg and foot, which swelled both to a very high degree.' Hence the delay in answering H. [see Diary, Nov. 4, 5, 6, which is all from this Letter].

Oct. 26, 1730. H. to Dr. William Fullerton (Rawl. 39. 145). Has had a letter from Mr. Orme's lady from Peterborough, signifying that she is ashamed that the Legacy of £100 left to H. by her brother had not been paid; that Mr. Prise the Attorney has had frequent requests from Mr. Orme to sell part of the estate to pay the legacies; that at Christmas H. shall be paid the Interest due, at Midsummer he shall have £50, and £50 at the following Christmas.

Oct. 27 (Tu.). Yesterday, Mr. Rich. Grey, M.A. of Lincoln Coll., told me that he had just printed a little book in English intit. *Memoria Technica*, in web, after a new method invented by himself, he gave a short historical Account of the chief affairs from the Creation, and that he had made mention of my name at the beginning, and made much use in the whole of my *Ductor Historicus*. This Gentleman is now a Country Clergyman, & he told me he is at present printing, at the Theatre, a sermon preached at a triennial Visitation of the B^p of Lincoln.

Oct. 28 (Wed.). I do not read many Newes Papers, otherwise I am
10 told I should have found, that as in one Paper it is (with respect to Mr. Topham's books) *The Cotton Library at Cambridge*, so in another it is *The Cotton Library at Oxford*; & yet I am told the books are left to any public Library, at the discretion of Mr. Topham's executors, whereof Dr. Mead, being one, may determine them to Oxford; but more probably to the Cotton Library at Westminster.

'Tis a reproach to the Nation that so great a man as Dr. Wall, that wrote of Infant Baptism, should have no Preferment. We did our part at Oxford, where he had the Degree of D.D. conferred on him, tho' not noted in the Catalogue of Graduates printed at the Theater, anno 1727.

20 Mr. Baker thinks my character of Mr. Eachard to be just, and says I have made more discoveries in History than all his Volumes contain.

Oct. 29 (Thur.). On Tuesday last Mr. Thomas Cox, M.B., was presented as a member of Merton Coll. to the Degree of Doctor of Physick. He is a son of the late Peter Cox (Esq., Beadle of Arts and Physick), and practises Physick at Nottingham.

The same day, in a Convocation at two Clock in the afternoon, Sr W^m Bowyer, Baronet, of Magd. Coll., a young Gentleman of a good character, was created Master of Arts.

Oct. 30 (Fri.). This day I wrote to Mr. Baker of Cambridge to get
30 an account how low the two MSS. in Trin. Coll. of Hemingford's *Chronica sive Historia Angliae* come. That in the Cotton Library comes no lower than that in the Heralds' Office, breaking off in 1297 at the Articles for a Contract of Marriage between Isabel, daughter of the K. of France, & Prince Edward, afterwards K. Edw. II. Yet Hemingford in his Pro-oemium tells us he proposed to bring the whole to 1300.

Oct. 31 (Sat.). Yesterday, at 5 Clock in the Afternoon, came to Oxford the new Provost of Queen's College, Dr. Joseph Smith, and was met by the Fellows & about an hundred besides on the Road.

Last night, called upon me the Rev. Mr. John Rutton, who took the
40 Degree of M.A. as a member of Pembroke Coll. in 1704, June 27, and is now Minister of St. Mary Sandwich in Kent. He told me he was nearly related to the late Mr. Thomas Madox, Historiographer Royal.

Oct. 27, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 296) [see Diary, Nov. 1 and 3, which is copied from this letter].

Oct. 28, 1730. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (transcript; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 9). Has heard from Dr. Tanner [see Diary, Nov. 6, which is copied from this letter].

The said Mr. Madox died in the 63rd year of his age.

The said Mr. Madox's MSS. Collections, contained in fifteen volumes in folio, were valued at fifteen hundred libs. Sed quaere de hoc.

Nov. 1 (Sun.). Yesterday morning Dr. Smith was admitted and sworn Provost of Queen's College.

The Cotton Library hath been removed, from Sir Roger Mostyn's house in Essex Street, to the Lord Ashburnham's, opposite to Westminster School, that house having been hired for their reception by the Government, whither it is thought all Mr. Topham's Collection will be removed.

Mr. Casley hath prepared a Catalogue of the King's Library, which he ¹⁰ intends to print, and web contains above 2,000 MSS. not taken notice of in the printed Catalogue of MSS. of England. He hath added notes and observations on many of them, and proposes to give the publick a Specimen on Copper Plates of the most curious ones.

Nov. 2 (Mon.). Mr. Edward Lye, Vicar of Little Houghton near Northampton, gave me lately a little Thing in 4^{to} of two sheets, printed in English and Latin, called *A Skeltonical Salutation*, being in verse in imitation of Skelton. The English is printed in the black English Letter, but the Latin in the Roman Letter. It was occasioned by the Spanish Armada's being defeated in 1588. It is perfect, only the first Leaf or ²⁰ Title Page is gone, so that I can neither tell the Author nor the Place where or the Time when printed, tho' I suppose it might be about the Time when the Defeat happened, and at London. 'Tis so scarce that I can hear of no other Copy. Even John Murray, who is very curious in Skelton, and what relates to him, never saw one, that I can find.

Nov. 3 (Tu.). When Mr. West was last in Oxford, he procured a Copy of the Statutes of the Univ. of Cambridge, web Statutes it seems are kept so close at Cambridge that it is very difficult to procure a sight of them, tho' the several Members at Matriculation are sworn to the Observation of them. 30

Dr. John Wigan was lately rejected from being Fellow of the Royal Society when he desired it, not, as I am told, from any Disapprobation of electing him Fellow, but from an Endeavour to hinder his being Secretary. By the Statutes, none but a fellow can be chosen Secretary. The Secretary is to be chosen by the Majority of Votes, but a fellow must have two thirds consenting to his Election, so that it was more easy to hinder his admission as a fellow, than his election to be secretary after he had been admitted. My friend Mr. West did not vote in the above Election.

Nov. 4 (Wed.). Mr. Nicholas Ferrar, nephew to that most admirable Pattern of Piety, Mr. Nich. Ferrar of Little Gidding, died in the 21st year ⁴⁰ of his age, as may appear from my Ed. of *Thomae Caii Vindictiae antiq. Univ. Oxon.*

He would have equalled his Uncle, had he lived.

Nov. 3, 1730. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 4. 95) [see Diary, Nov. 6, 12, and 17]. Wishes to know why H. dislikes the second edition of *Athenae Oxon.*, and calls it spurious.

In his Sepulchral Elogie (made by Mr. Crashaw, as Archbishop Sancroft thought), his industry in *sacris concinnandis Harmoniis*, and his great knowledge in Languages is commended.

The book in St. John's College Library, Oxon., said to be compiled by the Nuns of Gidding, is certainly one of those Harmonyes, being all patch Work.

Nov. 5 (Thur.). There is a Letter in the Ashmolean Library giving an Account of the Nunnery (as it was called) of Gidding, 1636, as Dr. Tanner tells me in a Letter from Norwich, Oct. 24, 1730; otherwise
 10 the most that he hath met with about this Religious Man, Mr. Nich. Ferrar (the Uncle), and his Family, is in Isaac Walton's life of Mr. Geo. Herbert, where he saith that Mr. Farrar wrote an excellent Preface to his friend Mr. Herbert's poems. Mr. Walton's story about the Vicechancellor refusing to license those poems, Dr. Tanner believes is not quite right. Dr. Tanner hath at Oxford the Original Poems in fair MS. with the Imprimatur of Dr. Lany, Pro-vice-chancellor, and three other Heads of Houses.

Nov. 6 (Fri.). Among the few scraps Dr. Tanner hath left of Mr. A. Wood, he says in the said Letter he don't find any more of
 20 Mr. Woodhead, than he has already printed in the Ath. Oxon. He hath formerly heard that he was the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*, and of all the works of that Author, but knows no good grounds for the same, there being many things in those Works which a Papist could not say.

One little thing he thinks is in Mr. Wood's papers not printed about Mr. Woodhead & Mr. Walker's troubles in 1678, when the Popish plot broke out: 'Note that in Nov. & Dec. Israel Tonge, fellow of Univ. Coll., & Mr. Shippen made friends in the Parliament House to have Mr. Walker turned out for being a Papist, because one of them might succeed [in the Mastership]; base ingratitude and false.'

30 The said Shippen (viz. W^m Shippen) was father to Dr. Rob. Shippen, Principal of Brasnose Coll. This W^m Shippen had no other D.D. Degree but what he had from Archbishop Sancroft, how averse soever the son has been to the Lambeth degrees,

Nov. 7 (Sat.). Cuthbert Constable, Esq., remembers to have seen Mr. Vinter (who he told me was contemporary of Mr. Abraham Woodhead's) when he (Mr. Constable) was a child. He was, as Mr. Constable believes, an Oxfordian, and became afterwards a Catholick Clergyman, and lived, when Mr. Constable knew him, at Bransby in Yorkshire, with one Mr. Cholemeley or Cholmondeley. He was a very
 40 facetious, jolly, fat Gentleman. There is a nephew now of his name living, who keeps the chief Inn at Huntington.

Nov. 8 (Sun.). At two Clock in the morning of Nov. 2nd last, the Spire of the beautifull Church (named All Saints) of Maidstone in Kent was set on fire by Lightning, w^{ch} burning from 2 to seven, was by

Nov. 5, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 57) [see Diary, Ap. 24 and 25, 1731, all taken from this letter.]

the Providence of God put out before it had reached the Church or the Bells.¹

NB. That night the Wind was very high at Oxford, and it rained prodigiously hard (attended, I am told, with very much Lightning at a distance) quite till morning.

Nov. 9 (Mon.). In pag. or col. 235 of Vol. II of the 2nd Ed. of Ath. Oxon., it is said that Richard Lloyd *left behind him a son named Will. Lloyd, afterwards Bishop of S^t. Asaph, then of Litchfield, and at length of Worcester.* Mr. Wood could not write these last words, because the said W^m Lloyd was translated to Worcester, anno 1699, four years after 10 Mr. Wood's death. But this is a small Instance of the many tricks plaid in this Spurious Edition.

In col. 458 of the said Vol. II are these words; *so that from the death of Mr. Clarke to this time, the superior Beadleship of the Civ. Law and the Architypographer's place hath been disjoyned.* It should be *joyned*, as 'tis rightly in the first Ed. 'Tis true a very few arbitrary persons disjoyn the two places. A man of Learning is to be Architypographus by Statute, & by Statute the Beadleship, by way of better encouragement, is annexed for ever, and Mr. Clarke was the first that so enjoyed both offices, and after his Death they became joyned by Statute, & the Convocation always 20 elects one to be Architypographus & Beadle, and I myself was so elected in a very honourable way by Convocation, but the then Vice-Chancellor & some few others made a mechanick Architypographus, & I had only the Beadleship, notwithstanding my immediate Predecessor, Mr. Thistlethwayte, had both.

Nov. 10 (Tu.). Part of a Letter from Dr. Worthington to Dr. Ingelo, dated June 4, 1670:—

Sir, In answer to yours I thank you for revising of some of the Papers of Desiderius²: but I am minded to lay aside for the present my Thoughts about that Book, having a Desire in the first place to bestow my Pains and 30 Diligence about a Practical Book written by a Protestant Minister in the German Language, & lately done into *English*; which will need to be fairly transcribed & much other care in revising it and preparing it for the Press; in which Labours I am not unwilling to engage myself (though I have other Business & Cares enough) because I hope the Book may be of good Use, having a more than ordinary strain of Practical Piety in it; as heretofore I bestowed not a little Pains upon *Thomas a Kempis*, to whom this Author is not inferior. The book is not bulky; & therefore I hope that I may through God's Assistance dispatch this work in a shorter time.

But there is a larger & more laborious Employment, which our good friend 40 Dr. Thirstcross doth move me to engage in; and that is the preparing of Mr. Ferrar's MSS. for the Press. I need not tell you, how much I value the Piety & Labours of that worthy person; & upon that account need no Arguments to perswade me to the liking of the work. But I foresee the Vastness of the Labour & Pains that is necessary upon this Occasion to undertake this work as it should be; and I consider that what I do, I must do it with all my might & with my utmost Care, as becomes the Importance of such

¹ This is apparently an extract from a newspaper.—Ed.

² 'Newly translated into *English* by a Country Gentleman at the desire of Dr. Worthington.' A marginal note by Hearne.

a Work, & that I may testify my best Respects to the Name & Memory of the Author, now with God. Though some there are that in publishing the Posthumous Works of others make too much Hast, as consulting their own Ease, and because they would decline any Labours that may seeme tedious to them; yet I dare not be so slight and superficial in what I undertake for the publick Good. I think I can never do too much, nor do it too well. In publishing Mr. Mede's Works, some would have excused themselves from Half that Labour w^{ch} I thought was not more than what was fit and becoming; nor would they have bestowed half that time I did about them. But by my more
 10 than ordinary Diligence about revising & preparing Mr. Mede's and Mr. Smith's works & Thomas a Kempis for the Press, I have some Advantages of knowing what is to be done in ordering of MSS. for the better; so that they may come forth with best advantage for the publick Good and the Reader's Benefit.

Mr. Ferrar's Manuscripts are many, consist of many Sheets; & therefore the revising them will not be a short or Light Labour. They must be transcribed; & for me to do this will require no small Pains; especially to transcribe them as they should be; to make Capital Letters where it is fit & mark some words for *Italick* Letters in the Print; and to make fit Breaks
 20 & begin new Lines; and to use all possible exactness in the printing, the want whereof is a general Fault in printed Books.

Besides Advices that must be imparted to the Corrector and Compositor at the Press (for the better carrying on of the Work), some passages being defective, all the Copies that can be got must be compared to perfect what is wanting. Then there will be need of seriously considering the Method and Order into which the several Tracts are to be digested. And there may be need also to compare the Quotations of Speeches or Histories out of Authors, & to set down in the Margin the Book or Chapter of the Author, where they are to be found. And because sometimes the same things are discoursed
 30 in several Tracts, there may be a great Use of setting in the margin References to such places, where they are elsewhere and more fully treated of.

These are some of the many other Cares which I think to be needfull; and if these things be cared for, it will make more for the Honour of the Author's Memory, and for the Benefit of the serious Reader, as also for his greater Satisfaction and Delight in the reading.

The preparing of Mr. Ferrar's MSS. for the Press is such a Task as will be found to be no easy nor short Labour to any one that doth so undertake it. None can know it so perfectly as those that try it, or have been engaged in the like Labours, as I have been; and therefore I am easily sensible of the
 40 many Difficulties, and that it is no light Burden for mine or any other's Shoulders; which I do not mention, as if I would altogether decline that Work to which I am invited. With God's Leave & Help I would set upon it, if I were in such a settled Condition, and in such Circumstances that I might *vacare* to it, as I ought. But as things are now with me, I cannot undertake it, to do it as I wish it should be done, viz. as I have hinted above.

If either our good Friend Mr. Thristcross, or any other of the Fellows,¹ would be without their Fellowship and in Exchange please to accept of what I have, then I being thus put into a Capacity for minding the great Work desired, I should desire to devote my whole Strength to the Service; and considering
 50 that Life is short and uncertain, would begin to set upon it, as soon as I am so provided for, and settled in such a place of Vacancy. And in the way of Compensation, all that I have should be his, either to have for himself or to help any deserving Friend of his that is unprovided. Particularly I should part with my Parsonage,² which is about seven-score Pounds a year, & better

¹ 'of Eton College'; note by Hearne.

² In the margin, 'Ingoldsby in Lincolnshire.'

than a Living of 40 lbs. a year more near London ; as also with my Prebend at Lincoln & my sinecure¹ in Norfolk ; and if I had more, he or they should have it. He did always shew forth a mind cheerfully contented with what he had at the Charter-House & at York, which was a right Christian Spirit.

I have been much longer in these Particulars than I ever intended. When you see Dr. Thristcross, you may acquaint him with the Reasons, why I cannot venture upon such a Work, as I now am. I desire you to satisfy him, I would be loth to grieve him in any thing, whom I have so much respected for the Esteem of his Piety & Devotion. And out of the Respect which I account due to such, I presented him with my Edition of Thomas a Kempis, ¹⁰ when we were Strangers to each other. Which I did with all Singleness of Heart & without any Design that he might be helpfull to my Good, and as Times then were, there was no Expectation of what we have since seen accomplished.

The said Part of a Letter was communicated to me by Mr. John Worthington, son of Dr. Worthington. I returned it back to Mr. Worthington on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1730, by Godfrey the Carrier's Letter Bag.

Nov. 11 (Wed.). On Monday last the Bodley Speech was spoke by Mr. John Fanshaw, M.A., Student of X^t Church. 20

I was told lately that t'other day Browne Willis, Esq. gave a Collection of Coins to X^t Church Library. What they are I know not. He told Mr. West he had a five shillings piece of Hen. VIII. Many years ago Mr. Willis shewed me (when I was at Whaddon Hall) his coins by Candlelight, but I only just saw them, and I remember one was of Ric. II, as Mr. Willis assured me, but I had not an opportunity of examining and considering it, what I should have been very glad of, especially when I lately published the Life of Ric. II.

Nov. 12 (Thur.). As to the speech Mr. Woodhead made at University College, I shall here insert what Mr. Nicholson writ to Mr. Constable ³⁰ in an imperfect account of Mr. Woodhead's life. I shall give you Mr. Nicholson's own words: 'His early parts, Discreet behaviour, and assiduous application to, and proficiency in Study, so effectually recommended him to that Society that he was soon twice chosen Freeston's Scholar, and appointed to speak an Oration, when the foundation was laid, to rebuild the Colledge. I have seen that speech, for it was reserved and esteemed as excellent by the Students there.' *This must certainly be the same speech* (says Mr. Constable) *you were pleased to mention in yours ; for I suppose a Freeston Scholar means one who has been chosen to make*

Nov. 11, 1730. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 4. 97). Sends to H. a book by Westenius, who seems to be one that has spared neither labour nor cost to satisfy himself about the requisites for making a new edition of the Greek Testament, but seems to reflect upon H. See Diary, Nov. 21, 22, 23.

Nov. 11, 1730. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 10. 122) [see Diary, Nov. 20].

Nov. 12, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 58). Is sending by the Northampton Carrier the MS. of Hemingford. Mr. Parne says that H. may

¹ In the margin, 'Moulton, All Saints.'

- a speech or Oration at the foundation of some Colledge. I'll presume to go on with a little more of M^r. Nicholson's account, because it regards your very antient and famous University, which all lovers of Learning and Loyalty ought to respect and admire. 'He was elected fellow shortly after, and proctor of the University in 1642; which office manifested to the publick, what 'till then either none, or only that little house, knew him to be. For then was the Puritan Parliament rebellion against K. Charles I, to whose person and cause that University (heretofore¹ Orthodox, and a loyal source of Science and Sanctity) cordially and courageously adhered.
- 10 Of whose Fidelity, and how influential it was over the kingdom, those traytors being sensible, they endeavoured by violence, or by artifice, to reduce it to their party. To this end, a visit by the Earl of Pembroke and others was resolved on, intending to abrogate its Statutes, and to model it by rules and principles more propitious to Rebellion, and that might deprave it to be a countenance to their faction. This Republican intent was proposed by their Convocation, where he so stoutly, and with such Potent reasons, opposed the Emissaries of the Rebels and the advocates of the proposal, that he defeated their industries, and preserved the University for that time in its former state, and in its allegiance. The
- 20 implacable Sect resenting this disappointment very heinously, obtained a Summons of him (M^r. Woodhead) to the Parliament's Bar; where appearing, he insisted on so prudent a defence of his proceedings that he was dismissed without further molestation. Whether these reasons he alledged were those celebrated in Clarendon's History, as absolutely unanswerable, I cannot affirm; but I have motives to believe and conjecture they were of his dictating, &c.'

Nov. 13 (Fri.) What a Freeston or Freiston Scholar is, may be seen in *Hist. & Antig. Univ. Oxon.*, p. 58. When the west Side of the Quadrangle was built, M^r. Woodhead was one of Skirlaw's Fellows, and

30 was properly pitched upon to speak the Speech, not only on account of his skill, but as he had been a Freeston scholar, and as the raising the west part of the Quadrangle is in part to be ascribed to Freeston's Benefaction.

Nov. 14 (Sat.) M^r. Constable thought fit to impart the particulars above inserted to me (as he will do the rest, if I desire it) because he thinks I may be a good judge of the truth of this matter, and may be able to sett this great piece of service to our University in a better and more satisfactory light than the good old Gentleman, M^r. Nicholson, has done; he is now above 70, nay, M^r. Constable believes very nigh eighty. You

40 may find him in the 2nd Ed. of *Ath. Oxon.*; he went over with the Queen Dowager and had a place in her Court, and continued in the same to her Majestie's Death; after, travelled with M^r. Sands, came after to Portugal, purchased a little Estate there, which of late years he made over to the

keep it until the last of the Christmas Holydays, unless any extraordinary case should make it necessary that the MS. should be returned earlier.

¹ I think (says M^r Constable) M^r Nicholson had better left out this parenthesis because it seems to reflect on Oxon. as if it was not now what it was formerly. [This quotation from Mr. Constable's letter is added by Hearne in the margin.—Ed.]

English College at Lisbon on certain conditions, where now he leads a most retired, virtuous life amongst his books, preparing himself with all earnestness for a better world. Mr. Boyes has been a companion in his retirements, and enjoys still good health, is very chearfull tho' old; he was one of the Executors to Mr. Obadiah Walker, some of whose MSS. he has in his possession, and it was from him and Mr. Nicholson that Mr. Constable got several unprinted MSS. of Mr. Abraham Woodhead.

Nov. 15 (Sun.). Mr. Constable hath also taken no small pains to find out Mr. Dean, on purpose to get intelligence about Mr. Woodhead. But tho' Mr. Dean be still living, yet he is old, but however looks very 10 fresh and well, if one has regard to his body, but then he is quite otherwise as to his mind or understanding, no madman being more disordered in his senses, so that Mr. Constable's labour was entirely lost, and nothing could be depended on which he said. The said Mr. Dean was (as well as Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Boyse) of Univ. Coll., & suffered at the time of the Revolution.

Nov. 16 (Mon.). Mr. Robinson of Merton Coll., now one of the Head Proctors of the Univ., I am told is about a new Ed. of Hesiod, but will do nothing new to him.

The said Robinson hath printed a Sermon in opposition to a printed 20 ingenious one of Mr. Thomas's of All Souls College.

The said Thomas preached at St. Marie's in the afternoon yesterday Sennight, & I am told made an excellent Discourse.

Nov. 17 (Tu.). Mr. Constable tells me that Dr. Tanner's observation about Mr. Abraham Woodhead's not being Author of *The whole Duty of Man* and of all the Works of that Author seems very good, to wit, because there are many things in those works which a Papist (so Dr. Tanner expressed it, not a Catholick, as he should rather have done with Mr. Constable) could not say. Yet it might be answered, says Mr. Constable, that he might have writ these things before he changed his opinion 30 or became Catholick. However, Mr. Constable confesseth that the difference of his style in his own certain works from that of *The whole Duty of Man*, &c., seems to make it very likely that he was not the Author of this work, and those others which are attributed to that Author. But it might be replied to Mr. Constable that the Stile varies in all the said Pieces, so that if that were a good argument, then one and the same Person was not Author of all those Pieces. Mr. Woodhead was a man of that extensive

Nov. 17, 1730. H. to Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (transcript; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 11). 'Tis above a week since I received your letter of the 3rd, but 'twas opened, having been carried (it seems) to another person of my name in Oxford. Be pleased for the future to direct for me at Edmund Hall in Oxford. Would like a specimen of Woodhead's handwriting. Recites the facts mentioned in *Diary* for Nov. 9 as justifying the word *spurious* when used of the 2nd edition of *Athenae Oxon.* What the Author of the *Prolegomena* to an ed. of the New Test. [Wetstein] says of H. is absolutely false; H.'s design in publishing the *Acta Apostolorum* 'being no manner of Picque to Dr. Mill, who was my friend and acquaintance. . . The MS. did not belong to the Ven. Bede. The note about *Dux Sardiniae* (as I remember) is late. Perhaps

learning and of such a Capacity that he could write in any stile; and yet for all that, I do not conclude him to be the Author of *The whole Duty of Man*, &c.

Nov. 18 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Nov. 12, 1730:—

Mr. Holman, an eminent Dissenting Minister of Halsted in Essex, who has been many years making Collections, in order to write a History of that County, went to dine with a Friend last Week, about three miles from his own House, and was very chearful and easy, and seemingly in a good state of
10 Health, but going home went into a Church-Porch, and was there found dead.

This is the same Man mentioned above under Sept. 29.

Nov. 19 (Thur.). On Sunday last, died at 9 Clock at Night, Mr. John Barker, under Porter of Magd. Coll., Oxon., at his House in St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxon., and was buried last night in the Church of the said St. Peter's. Had he lived till next Dec. 27, he would have been complete forty two years of age. He was an honest, modest, quiet man and well beloved. He was born at Cuddesdon, near Oxon., where his mother was buried on Nov. 2 last, and he went over to the Funeral. He hath left a Widow, a jolly Woman, but he had no Children.

20 **Nov. 20 (Fri.).** The following Verses have been lately printed at London, amongst others in a new Miscellany of Verses, and as the times as well as the sense of words are perverted, they are (in the opinion of Mr. Constable, from whom I had them) far from being against *our* University.

On his late M . . . y's Gracious Gift to the Universities.

The K . . g surveying with judicious Eyes
The State of both his Universities,
To one a troop of Horse he sent; for why?
'Cause that Learn'd body wanted L . . . ty;
30 To th'other he sent books, as well discerning
How much that loyal body wanted Lear . . ng.

Nov. 21 (Sat.). I have always been of opinion, that Dr. Mill's vast heap of various Readings, and his Observations, Notes and Prolegomena, would afford never-failing Matter to the dull, heavy Germans to exercise their Industry upon. Of this we have had several Instances, & now more effectually to crown all, there is a most undeniable Specimen just given in a 4^{to} Pamphlet, containing Prolegomena in order to procure a most accurate Ed. of the Greek Test., as if nothing of that kind that is to be relyed upon, had been done before. The Author (I am told by
40 Mr. Constable) is not forty, that his name is Wetstenius, Professor at Basil, son of one of the Printers of that name at Amsterdam. It is printed

the Author of the Prolegomena had his observation from one Masson, a French Huguenot, who formerly took notice of it with myself, when I used to show this MS. to him.'

at Amsterdam by the said Wetstenii. Be he who he will (for it seems Mr. Constable was only told so), whatever pains he may pretend to, it is certain that it plainly appears to me & others too, that he is inclined to that fashionable great Heresy Arianism, and his new Edition seems to be undertaken on purpose to promote that Heresy, and to weaken the proofs for the Trinity. He is a very bold, daring, confident man, and if the rest, that he hath said, be as false as what he hath said with reference to me and the MS. of the *Acta Apostolorum* I printed, he is not a Man of any Veracity. Indeed, I think he ought not in any thing to be relied upon without very great caution, and I fear he hath played Tricks with ¹⁰ the old MSS. (he may have consulted) whenever he had an opportunity. He depreciates all other Editions, not excepting even Dr. Mill's, unless it be so far as the Doctor's will favour him, as ¹ to be sure he will, as he hath done in these Prolegomena, take much from it. Among other Editions he falls particularly foul upon, is the most noble Complutensian Edition, ^{weh} as I always admired and esteemed, so I shall have a better opinion of it after the malicious, vile Attaques of this Man, whose Judgment is not to be regarded.

Nov. 22 (Sun.). Mr. Willis, of Drayton near Dorchester in Oxfordshire (of the Death of whose Wife I formerly made mention), is in the ²⁰ 56th year of his Age.

Mr. Constable hath given me a book intit. *An Answer to Dr. Clark and Mr. Whiston, concerning the Divinity of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. With a Summary Account of the chief Writers of the three first Ages.* By H. E., London, 1729, 8^{vo}. I received it the 16th of this Month.

Nov. 23 (Mon.). The said Book was occasioned by a publick Dispute which the Author had with Dr. Clarke of St. James's, who for his Arian Principles hath made so much noise. This Dispute was at Dr. Clark's own house, where there were more Ladys of Quality than Scholars, which was the greater pity; however, the Author I am speaking of was generally ³⁰ thought to have had much the better in the dispute, and Dr. Clark was so fair an enemy, as to acknowledge and confess his great learning and abilities, and one of the greatest persons of quality amongst the Ladies, and who was so great an admirer of Dr. Clark that she used commonly for her tost to choose Dr. Clark's Mistress, which she was accustomed to say was Truth, so blinded she was by this smooth Dr., this Lady (I say), as great an admirer as she was of Clark, yet sent the next day after the dispute to his adversary, and made him very handsome compliments. But since this Gentleman has merited so well in the Christian Cause, I think it proper to discover who he is. His true name then is Howarden, tho' ⁴⁰ he commonly goes at London by the name of Harrison; he is a Catholick Doctor of Divinity, and taught above 15 years Divinity at Doway, but being a potent enemy to the bad Doctrine of the Jesuits, and a thorn in their sides, they contrived things against him, and least he might be forced to quit the University by force, he left it before things came to that hight, and has since lived in England. He may also be called an

¹ Hearne means *yet*.—Ed.

Oxfordian, because he was at Oxford some few days before the unhappy Revolution. He lives a private, retired life, far from rich but not poor; he is certainly the best Scholar amongst the English Catholics, and if his singular, great humility be considered with his great learning and exemplary piety, Mr. Constable scarce thinks he has his equal in Europe, and indeed, tho' Mr. Constable hath always esteemed his vast erudition, yet he hath much more admired his greater humility and piety. After this dispute with Dr. Clark, he writ the little book above-said, ^{weh} tho' it be a stranger to our University of Oxford, yet I hope it will be esteemed by
 10 some worthy to appear in any University, and tho' what common report says be oftener untrue than true, yet, as it is sometimes true, I shall here add what was commonly said, that after Dr. Clark's dispute with Dr. Howarden and his writing the little book against him, he never held up his head. Mr. Constable hath some time the satisfaction of seeing this good man, and hath askt him about this dispute. Almost all that he said was that he hoped he did no harm by that dispute. He also commended Dr. Clark for a man of learning, and particularly for his great mildness and moderation which he shewed to the person of his antagonist; tho' he was at the same time very zealous for the cause he defended; that
 20 he talkt much, but not correctly or eloquently; and that he had much to doe before his admirers to get him to answer his Questions, being very backward, like the old Arians, to discover openly his opinion. This little Mr. Constable could get from him about this dispute, more of the particulars may be seen in the little book Mr. Constable sent me. It was one Mr. Hook, a gentleman of good learning, who was acquainted both with Dr. Clark and Dr. Howarden, who was the bringer about of the dispute. Dr. Howarden, being an humble man, was very far from being fond of a publick dispute, and excused himself by saying that it would do no good, but Mr. Hook would not be contented with such an Answer, and
 30 prevaild at last upon him by telling him that he durst not dispute with him, ^{weh} saying so roused up his zeal that he promised him he would, and met according to appointment at Dr. Clark's own house.¹ Now I think I have told you all that Mr. Constable could get out of the humble Dr., only I have forgot to tell you that Dr. Clark, after the dispute, made a very handsome treat for the Dr., and told him that he did not think that there was an English Catholick so learned in England as he found he was. Mr. Mattaire writ a letter of thanks and civility to Dr. Howarden upon his writing the little book against Clark, a copy of ^{weh} Mr. Constable got, and prefixt it in a leaf of the Dr.'s book he gave me.

- 40 **Nov. 24 (Tu.).** Peter Le Neve's papers of Norfolk and Suffolk are repositied, by the care of Dr. Tanner, in the Church Library at Norwich, I suppose for publick benefit and use to any bold undertaker; but 'twill not be, I fancy, an easy matter to digest & methodize them, if (as I hear) they are all (or at least the greatest part of them) written on small, poor scraps of Paper.

¹ The whole of this account is taken *verbatim* from Mr Constable's Letter of Nov. 11, except that Hearne puts 'Mr. Constable' instead of 'I', but in the next sentence 'I' is left by accident.—Ed.

Nov. 25 (Wed.). The submission of Mr. A. Wood [from the original written by the Author's own hand, w^{ch} I received on the 23rd inst. from Mr. Ward of Warwick, to whom it was sent to be communicated to me by Mr. Rawlins. This Form of submission was occasioned by Mr. Wood's prosecution].

Whereas in the sentence passed against Mr. Wood, it is said that he shall continue banished till such time that he shall subscribe such a publick recantation as the judge of that Court shall approve of & w^{ch} upon his enquiry he cannot yet learn what it is, he himself has therefore in the meane time drawn up a form w^{ch} is this :—

Whereas I, Anth. Wood, M^r of Arts, have from my youth laboured in good Letters for the honour of the most famous Univ. of Oxford, without any prospect of reward or preferment, I am sorry & much grieved at heart that I have fallen into the hands of most barbarous & rude people of our owne Body, who have endeavoured to ruin me & my name by making the second Vol. of *Athenae et Fasti Oxon.* a Libell (w^{ch} by the sentence of the Assessor of the Vice-Chancellours Court, a Civil Law Court, hath been burnt), & afterwards to banish me from the said University to the great abhorrence of the generality thereof, purposely to please the supercilious & Tyrannical humour of a certaine Lord, for 3 or 4 Lines mentioned in the said second Vol., p. 221 & 269, concerning a person there mentioned without any name or title, who hath been banished from England, Scotland, & Ireland, for refusing to answer to divers Articles of Treason & Misdemeanour, for about 28 years, & dead about 18. I say I am heartily sorry for these things. Witness my hand.

The two passages for w^{ch} the second Vol. was burnt are these: The first is in David Jenkyns, a most Loyal Judge & the greatest Sufferer of any person of his profession.¹

Can any man think the contrary but that he gave money for his place, when he rather had deserved the Halter or at least to be excepted from the Act of Oblivion.

Nov. 26 (Thur.). From another single Paper wrote by Mr. Wood's own hand, sent at the same time by Mr. Ward, who received it of Mr. Rawlins.

March, 1660. The latter end of this month, D^r. Wallis got by flatteries,

Nov. 25, 1730. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 50). Has received the two pamphlets against Sir William Dugdale. He was well versed in our English Antiquities, but deficient in classical learning. 'Mr. Crynes says your name is struck out, according to your desire, of the Buttery Book, before the President in his (Mr. Crynes's) presence, and that your account, meaning what is due upon the score of the Buttery Book, will be sent you.' As Mrs. Cherry died at Holyport, near Windsor in Berks., H. had called on Mr. Greenaway, the 'Register' for Berks., who lives in St. Peter's in the Baylly; but could not see him. 'I am surprized at what you say about a Plate done at the expence of Mr. W. . . . de.² I could heartily wish you and I were near together that we might converse more freely than perhaps it may be proper for me to mention in writing.'

Nov. 26, 1730. J. Jones at Abbats Ripton to H. (Rawl. 7. 100). Writes about one who wishes to subscribe to H.'s works; he is a wealthy man, who visits Abbats Ripton every year. [See also Diary, Dec. 10, and Letter, Dec. 14.]

¹ There are marks here as if Hearne was unable to read something. The notes that Wood wrote on scraps of paper are often illegible.—Ed.

² i. e. Whiteside.—Ed.

good words, &c., his book of deciphering the King's letters from the Public Library from Dr. Barlow, where he altered what he pleased.

That w^{ch} he gave as a Trophy of his great skill, did now after a sneaking way blot out. Qu. Dr. Hyde.

Nov. 27 (Fri.). From another original Paper, wrote also with Mr. Wood's own hand, all but Dr. Nicholas's name, w^{ch} the Dr. put himself & under it his seal. This likewise I received from Mr. Ward at the same time, who had it of Mr. Rawlins.

The second of Decemb., an. 1678. These are to certifie to all to whom
10 this writing may come that the bearer hereof, Anthony à Wood, Master of Arts of the University of Oxford, did on the day and in the yeare above written take the oathes of Allegiance and Supreamacy before, and in the Presence of, me

Jo. Nicholas, Vic. Can. Oxon.

Nov. 28 (Sat.). Mr. Collins's Library is preparing for sale. They talk of 15,000 volumes, but perhaps many of them are only single Pamphlets. I am assured great discoveries will be made of Authors, more particularly of the fine Gentlemen of the free-thinking Scheme, by Mr. Collins's care, who has given all their due. Doubtless this will
20 enhance their value, and 'tis probable that at this sale we may see the whole formidable strength of that body, which at present is so boasted of, and scandalously encouraged.

Nov. 29 (Sun.). On Friday morning last, was found the dead body of one Eliz. Owen, a Button Maker of St. Thomas's parish, Oxon., in a shallow place of the Ditch by X^t Ch. Stables, where we go over to the Wheat Sheaf and Anker. She had strolled abroad the Evening before, having had an ague & Feaver of late, & the person that looked after her happened to be stepped aside for something, & so she went out & is supposed to have been drowned about 8 Clock that evening. She was a very
30 handsome young Woman, completely 30 years of age last June, & was unmarried. The Coroner examined the affair yesterday morning, & she was brought in *non compos mentis*.

Nov. 30 (Mon.). Mr. Rawlins, of Stratford-upon-Avon, tells Mr. Tho. Ward, in a Letter from that Place of Nov. 20th last, that he hath an account of the prosecution of Mr. Wood for libelling the L^d Clarendon, w^{ch} he thinks better suppressed than taken notice of by me in what I am now printing. So I think too, but 'tis already printed, I know not how faithfully.

In that Letter he takes notice that Mr. West in his Letter, dated
40 April 14, 1730, acquainted him that he had made some Collections on Spectacles, and withall about the Invention of Glass.

Mr. Rawlins at the same time takes notice to Mr. Ward that if he hath a mind for the Life of St. Werburg, he believes he could purchase it for 1s. 6d. or 2s., if it is not parted with.

Dec. 1 (Tu.). As to what is said above with respect to Dr. Wallis's Deciphering, it being only a Quaerie, I do not think it proper to insist much upon it, much less to print it, because I do not remember that there are

any such Alterations in the MS., and yet I have seen it several times. But concerning this Book, may be seen what I have observed in my Preface to Peter Langtoft, where it appears that Dr. Wallis, when he gave it, reserved to himself a Liberty of adding or correcting as he pleased, and it may be, if Anthony's note above be true, he might take some leaves out & get the book new bound. However, as I said, it being only a Quærie, I wish I could rather see Anthony's second part of his Diary or what he said of Dr. Wallis at large in the third volume of his *Athenae Oxon.* And I wish it the rather because what he wrote in both must have been done after he had enquired of Dr. Hyde, who (it may be) could give light. As ¹⁰ for Anthony's Submission, I think that also ought to be suppressed as not signed, and besides I think Mr. Bridges shewed me one written with Mr. Wood's hand also more perfect, or if it was the same as this, yet I think it very wrong in calling the great E. of Clarendon's son supercilious and tyrannical, who suffered so much for his honesty & was (as I and others took him to be) a very good man.

Dec. 2 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Nov. 30:—

We hear from St. Ives that there were found last week by the Workmen which are employed in making a new road between Wisbeach and March, in ²⁰ the Isle of Ely, two urns, in the largest of which were Bones and Ashes, and in the other about 300 pieces of Silver Coin among which are not two Pieces alike, and by their Date they appear to be 2000 years old each.

Dec. 3 (Thur.). Dr. Rawlinson lately sent me, being a Present, two little Things by way of Letter. 'Tis a Criticism upon Sir W^m Dugdale's Baronage. The Dr. hath some reason to think them wrote by Mr. Hornby, a Barrister of Grey's Inne, a sufferer for the cause, often at hide and seek, and thought to have been at least Editor, if not Author, of the celebrated Advice to the Freeholders. The author, be who he will, speaks contemptuously of S^r W^m Dugdale, and calls Antiquities a dry Study, ³⁰ *wh* is a term used by many besides, a plain Argument of the decay of Learning, *wh* is really Antiquity, as *vice versa* Antiquity is Learning.

Strange reports were raised of the famous Dr. John Rainolds before his Death, as if he had prevaricated, and as if he had revolted to the Church of Rome, but 'twas all Calumny, as may be seen in Henry Mason's *New Art of Lying, covered by Jesuits under the Vaile of Equivocation*; London, 1634, 12^o, where in p. 202 you have his Confession upon his Deathbed, attested by several eminent men, dated May 20, 1607.

Dec. 3, 1730. H. to Rev. John Jones (*draft*; Rawl. 28. 126 B.). 'I am obliged to the Gent. you speak of that desires to subscribe for my books and shall put down his name in my list, provided you will send me what his name and title is.' Does not know where a complete set of his books can be obtained. Mr. Gyles or other booksellers may have a set; or Mr. Murray may be able to supply them; he is to be met with, or at least heard of, at John's Coffee House, Swithin's Alley, near the Royal Exchange. 'Richard Johnson, our Manciple, understanding I was about to write to you, desired me to put you in mind that Mr. Parry, whom you brought hither, owes him £2 1s. 10d. It seems you know where he is, & the Manciple hopes you may direct him how to get his money.'

Dec. 4 (Fri.). Last Sunday, preached in the Afternoon at St Marie's before the University, Mr. Samuel Rolleston, M.A., Fellow of Merton Coll., Chaplain to Hoadley, Bp of Salisbury, & minister of a Church in Salisbury, w^{ch} Church he was presented to lately by the said Bp. This Sermon is much talked of by many, as if it were heterodox and savouring of Bp Hoadley's Doctrine, but what grounds there are I know not, as having not heard the sermon, tho' those Reports I have heard seem to be well founded. Mr. Rolleston was originally of Leyden, thence he came to Oxford, became Gentleman Commoner of Oriel Coll., from
10 whence being Bach. of Arts he was elected Fellow of Merton Coll., as a Member of w^{ch} he took the Degree of M.A., Nov. 2, 1725. He is nephew to Dr. Richard Mead. He is an ingenious man and a good scholar.

Dec. 5 (Sat.). Yesterday, early in the morning, died Mr. Nash of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, Master of the Charity School maintained by the University of Oxford, leaving a widow and one child, a son of about 17 years of age. This School was begun when Dr. Lancaster was Vice-chancellor, & Nash was the first Master, being put in by the said Dr. Lancaster, who was his Godfather. As for Nash, he minded his
20 Scholars with diligence, tho' he was but a moutheing, ill-bred man, & was not much of a Scholar.

Dec. 6 (Sun.). Last night, Mr. Nash, the Schoolmaster, was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter's in the East, when the boys sung him into the Church; afterwards they sung again in the Church, as they did when they brought him out of the Church, round the Churchyard to his Grave.

Dr. Rawlinson, in a Letter from London of the 1st Nov. last, tells me (what I am amazed at) that he had redeemed from a publick sale a copper-plate of my Head, done by Vertue at the expence of Mr. Whiteside, whom
30 death frustrated in his poor, narrow views. Mr. Whiteside had contracted with this Engraver for the Plate, and a number was drawn off.¹ Others, amongst w^{ch} Mr. Murray, were to have been Sharers. Thus do mankind (says the Dr.) very emphatically make a property of their friends, but the Dr. hopes he hath broke all their schemes.

Dec. 7 (Mon.). I hear there is in Mr. Murray's hands a fine copy of Athenae Oxon., filled with MSS. corrections, additions, &c., by the late Mr. John Hare, Richmond Herald.

Dec. 5, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. II. 165). Thanks for the return of the Book of Mancestre College. Points out that in the preface to Trokelowe, H. should have written 'Potiphar's wife', not 'Pharaoh's wife'.

Dec. 6, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 82). Is glad H. has received the MS.; there is 'no danger of its being called for *ante diem*'. I wish I could have given you more time, but there are such divisions in that College that they are watching & observing one another & ready to take any advantage.' Suspects that Dr. Gale never possessed a MS. of Hemingford, but used the MS. of Trinity College, where he was Fellow.

¹ i. e. drawn off.—Ed.

Dec. 8 (Tu.). Mr. Wise, it seems, hath put out Proposals, w^{ch} I have not seen, for printing the Catalogue of the Bodleian Coins, the same Catalogue without doubt that was first drawn up by Mr. Ashmole, and afterwards enlarged by inserting the Additions by myself, tho' the Catalogue of Consul Ray's coins (w^{ch} is the best part of the Bodleian coins for the number) w^{ch} I drew up, is kept by me, nor was it ever copied.

When Dr. Hudson first became Librarian, a proposal was published for printing the foresaid Catalogue, w^{ch} was before Mr. Raye's Coins came, but it was condemned by learned Men in general, & the Design ¹⁰ laid aside, it being judged useless to publish barely a dry Catalogue, & the Collection, being not answerable to the Name of the Library, would only expose & lay open the Library besides, that Occo improved by Mediobarbus & other printed Books contained almost everything we have, but if such only were printed that are curious and not published by others, it might be of service to Learning, provided short Dissertations, in the manner of Seguin, were likewise added.

Dec. 9 (Wed.). Remember to ask either Mr. Baker or Mr. West for what it is that Mr. Tyrrel hath said in his History, where he gives an Account of his Authors, about Walter Hemyngford. I do not remember ²⁰ that Dr. Brady, what I much wonder at, takes any notice of him, and yet he might have made use of divers copies of him at Cambridge.

Last night at 7 Clock, died of a violent Feaver, after hardly a week's illness (for I saw & talked & spent some time with him the Tuesday before, being Dec. 1, at w^{ch} time, however, he complained of a cold), Mr. W^m Mortimer, second Cook of Queen's Coll. Oxon., a pretty, civil, ingenious, good-natured young man, of about 28 years of age, beloved of all, Brother in Law to the late James Hart, Head Cook of that College, to whom he was Apprentice, who married his (W^m Mortimer's) sister, a very pretty woman, who is likewise dead. [Buried in St. Peter's ³⁰ churchyard in the East, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10.]

Dec. 10 (Thur.). In p. ccviii of my Appendix to my Preface to Peter Langtoft, I have printed B^p Wren's Narrative, touching Prince Charles's Judgment and Affection to the Religion of the Church of England. I printed it from a Paper transcribed from the Ashm. Museum, and given me by Mr. Jones, at that time an assistant at the Museum. His name is John Jones. He was of Edmund Hall, where he took the Degree of Bach. of Arts, but is not M.A. When he was undergraduate, upon my mentioning him, Mr. Whiteside took him to the Museum, & after he had taken his said Degree of B.A., he made him his Curate at King's Walden ⁴⁰ in Hartfordshire, but leaving that, he settled at Abbats Ripton or Ripton Abbats, near Huntingdon. Upon Mr. Whiteside's death, he had King's Walden proposed to him, but having a Competency at Ripton Abbats

c. Dec. 9, 1730. R. Bridges to H. (Rawl. 3. 113). Sends six guineas, subscriptions to Caius; General Dormer, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Masters will not subscribe, as the author is not sufficiently ancient for them. Sends a copy of the Catalogue of the Library of 'my late brother'.

(as he tells me by Letter from thence, Nov. 26, 1730), & many particular advantages in respect of means of Learning & other matters, w^{ch} weigh much with him, he declined the kind offer w^{ch} was made him, & chose rather to settle at Ripton Abbats, where (he says) he lives in much Content & Satisfaction. This Place being situate about 15 miles from Cambridge, and having some leisure Time upon his Hands, he sometimes resorts thither for the conveniency of Libraries, and indeed he saith he hath a very fair Encouragement, having free Access to the Public Library there, & to some others. He wishes he was acquainted with Mr. Baker
 10 of St. John's, who could satisfy him as to several particulars he wants to gain Information about. He wishes I would mention something about him to Mr. Baker, & to let him know his Inclinations. What his Enquiries are I know not, nor can I tell anything of him besides what is mentioned here, unless it be that he lived soberly and studiously with us, & bore a fair Character. [Wrote to Mr. Baker about him Dec. 17, 1730, telling him that I am cautious in the business of recommending; so he may be pleased to favour him no otherwise than he shall find him.]

Dec. 11 (Fri.). Mr. Jones wants some Account of Abbat's Ripton,
 20 particularly he desires to know somewhat of Tobias Bland, who was Sub. Almoner to Q. Elizabeth, and Rector of that Parish. When B. Willis was writing the History of Peterborough Cathedral (w^{ch} he had in good measure from White Kennett), Mr. Jones searched narrowly about Abbat's Ripton Church for Bland's grave (Mr. Willis having hinted to Dr. Knight that he was buried there, and desired him to enquire), but there are no Tokens to be found. I know not what B. Willis hath said of him.

Dec. 12 (Sat.). Mr. Le Neve's Catalogue is near finished at the Press, and contains many curious MSS. *in re historica, Anglica & Heraldica*.
 30 Mr. Willis hath told Mr. West that the Coins he gave to Christ Church were only Duplicates, so that I apprehend they are very inconsiderable.

Dec. 13 (Sun.). Yesterday, the Bells in Oxford rung for the Death of my friend, Mr. Richard Dyer, late Fellow of Oriel College, who died very lately at his estate in Devonshire, where he hath lived with his wife some few years. He took the Degree of M.A., April 20, 1676, and was about 77 or 78 years of age. He was a man of great modesty, an excellent Scholar, and admirably well skilled in Botany, in so much that there was hardly any excelled him. Br Fell would fain have had him to be Botanick
 40 Professor, but he declined it. I do not know that he ever published anything, unless it be the Preface to the 3rd volume of the Oxford History of Plants, & Dr. Morison's Life before it, tho' his name be not to either. He was a very healthfull man, a great Walker, & had not he married in his old age, but lived in Oxford after his old way, he might have lived much longer & been a very great Benefactor to his College, but the Broils in the College forced him to retire. He hath had no Child by his wife. He and Dr. Whalley bought some years since a Parsonage for Oriel College.

Dec. 14 (Mon.). Mr. Richard Grey, above-mentioned,¹ is Rector of Kilncote in Leicestershire. His Visitation Sermon is published, besides *weh* and his *Memoria Technica*, he hath printed an abridgment of B^r Gibson's *Codex Canonum*, and dedicated it to the B^p.

On Saturday last, Dec. 12, Mr. Richardson of University Coll. gave me part of a Letter he had received from his Father. This part is by way of answer to what I had wrote to his father, desiring [him] to give me some Intelligence of Mr. Woodhead, if he had any thing not noted by Mr. Wood. Dr. Richardson's words are these: 'I desire you would give my service to M^r. Herne, and let him knowe that I have received ¹⁰ his letter, & made the best inquiry I can after Mr. Ab. Woodhead & his Relations, but can get very little information of them that M^r. Wood has omitted. A Cozen of his, being an old man, & the only relation that was left, dyed a few years agoe. The first Coppyes of *The whole Duty of Man* that were seen in Yorkshire were sent by him to his Relations; amongst the rest the man who died last had one, & it was generally believed by all his friends here that he was the Author of it.'

The said Dr. Richardson is of North Bierley near Bradford, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Dec. 15 (Tu.). The little 8^{vo} Book, containing a Catalogue of our ²⁰ Religious Houses, was written (as I am informed) by one George Ducket, Esq. Quaere whether he was not of one of the Inns of Court. There is a malicious Preface before it, and an Appendix (at the End) equally malicious, and both silly enough, but my friend Charles Eyston, Esq., who was writing an Account at large of our English Benedictine Abbies, and it may be of our other Abbies (& religious Houses) too, told me he liked the Catalogue so well that he had thoughts of transcribing it into his Book, leaving out the Preface and Appendix. Quaere about this Ducket. Some have said, that Thomas Burnet had a hand in this little Book. There are some Mistakes & Omissions in the Catalogue, tho' I think for ³⁰ a bare Catalogue 'tis the best yet printed.

Radulphus Niger's History of K. John is involved in Mat. Paris, as is noted in the modern MS. thereof in Trin. Coll. Library, Cambridge, at the end of Hemingford, *wch* hath been lent me by the means of

Dec. 14, 1730. John Hotchkin, rector of Abbat's Ripton, to H. (Rawl. 7. 66). Desires to become a subscriber to H.'s works. His curate, Mr. Jones, had already written to H. about him.

Dec. 15, 1730. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 49). Thanks for the 'bill of fare' sent by R. 'Tis not out of revenge for Prince Charles's Letter that they have talked (for they know full well that I am against their lewd sentiments on that score, nor does the Letter justify their loose thoughts) but on account of what I have said about Gulielmus Faber² in my Preface to *Vita Ricardi II.* Consider who those are that put Faber on that Book I have taken notice of there, and who they are that are concerned for his side of the Question, and you have a key to the mystery of all their noise & resentment. I have heard that they now begin to be sorry that they have proceeded so far.'

¹ See Oct. 27.

² William Smith of Univ. Coll.—Ed.

Mr. Parne, Fellow of Trin. Coll., who put it into Mr. Baker's hands for me. Hemingford contains not only to the Death of Ed. I, but the first five years of Ed. II, & the 21 years of Ed. III, viz. to the year when the Author is said to have died. Radulphus Niger occurs, p. 365 of the MS., viz.: 'Radulphus Niger, et est in Libro magno chronicorum Matt. Parisiensis, anno 1199; de gestis tempore Regis Iohannis fratris Ricardi regis ab anno MCXCIX usque ad annum regni regis H. filii eiusdem secundum.'

Dec. 16 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Dec. 14:—

- 10 Mr. Lister, an eminent Merchant of Liverpool, is married to Mrs. Elizabeth Dodson, eldest Daughter of John Dodson, late of Cookham in the County of Berks., Esq., formerly High Sheriff of that County, a Fortune of 50,000 libs.

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This Volume contains—

- pp. 3-13. Notes on the MSS. of Hemingford.
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 pp. 35-55. Notes on some MSS. in Magdalen College Library.
 20 pp. 56-63. Notes on a folio MS. in English, belonging to Mr. George Ballard of Campden. It contained—
 1. A devise of a Seaman, touching the expedition intended against the Turkish Pyrates, written by Nathaniell Knott, Gent., anno 1634.
 2. A briefe Discourse of the Voyage made by the English who were sent over for the reliefe of the French King, under the Leading of the L. Willoughbie.
 3. The Voyage to Calis in Andalusia, faithfully related by Sr W. Slyngisbye, employed in that service, 1596.
 30 4. A true relation of the Voyage to the Isles of Azores, by the Navie and Forces of the late Queen Elizabeth, under the Conduct of the Right Hon. Robert Devorux, Earle of Essex and Ewe, in the year 1597; written by Sr Arthur Gorges, kt.
 pp. 64-90. An index to the most interesting points 'of my MSS. Collections,' vols. 1 to 24.¹

Dec. 17, 1730. H. to the Earl of Oxford (Diaries, 129. 2). Asks for loan of the Abstract of the Historical Passages in Gascoigne's Theological Dictionary, which Lord Oxford said he possessed. 'I desired my note about the Author of the *Customs of London* might be kept private, because there is something in it that perhaps may not be proper to be divulged as yet.'

Dec. 17, 1730. H. to the Reverend Mr. George Harbin in King Street near Golden Square, over against Major Foubert's Academy, in London (Diaries, 129. 1). H., having been informed that Mr. Harbin has a transcript of the Historical Passages in Thomas Gascoigne's Theological Dictionary, asks for the loan of it, to be printed.

¹ Now known as Hearne's Diary.—Ed.

pp. 95-102. Notes on *The Customs of London*, drawn up by Richard Arnold, first printed about 1502.

pp. 110-123. A summary of the contents of the Register of John Whethamstede in the Herald's Office.

p. 125. 'Feb. 29, 1731; Memorandum to ask Mr. Mayow of Oxford, milliner, where the original MS. about Otho Nicholson's building the Conduit at Cairfax is. I have seen a very faulty Transcript thereof in the hands of Mr. Mashbourne, junior, of Oxford, mercer.

There are many old things (some of which to be sure are curious) in the Chest of St. Michael's Church, Oxford.' 10

p. 126. 'March 14, 1731, Tuesday. From a MS. Paper shewed me by the Rev. Mr. John Ball, who is now printing Spenser's Pastoral Kalendar in English & Latin. From a MS. of Nicholas Stone, Esq., master mason to their Majesties King James the first, and afterwards to King Charles the first: "I also mad a monement for Mr. Spencer the pooett and set it up at Wesmester, for which the Contes of Dorsett payed me 40 libs." It is to be remarked that this monuement was erected about 1619, as it appears in this book of Mr. Stone's handwriting. Also that the date of 1510, when Spenser was born, is erroneous; it ought to be 1550.' 20

pp. 128-147. An index to the most interesting points in 'my MSS. Collections', vols. 24 to 43.

VOL. CXXIX.

Dec. 18 (Fri.). The following Curiosity (for such it is) was sent me in a Letter by Dr. Richard Rawlinson from London, dated Nov. 25, 1730, extracted from one of their publick Companys' books, and is an instance of great sobriety or a great scarcity of money.

A Bill of fare for the wax Chandlers Company on the Lord Mayor's day, 29 Octob. 1478, extracted from their book:

One Capon	o - o - vi	
One Pygge	o - o - iiiii	30
One loyne of Beefe	o - o - iiiii	
One Rabbyt	o - o - ii	
One douzyn of Pygeons	o - o - vii	
One Legg of Moutoun	o - o - ii ob.	
One hundred of Eggis	o - o - viii ob.	
One Goose	o - o - vi	
Two Loynes of Mouton & Two Loynes of Veale	o - i - iiiii	
One Gallon of Red Wyne	o - o - viii	
One Kylderkyne of Ale	o - i - viii	40
	o - vii - o	

Dec. 18, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. II. 166). Sends Mr. Tyrrell's remarks on Hemingford. [See Diary, Dec. 25.]

Dec. 19 (Sat.). Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq., hath got (1) *Historia martiris sancti Albani*; (2) *Libellus de raptu anime Tundali & ejus visione*, &c. They are bound up *inter alia*, being an old printed Book. *His Letter, Nov. 21.*

This day after Dinner I called upon Mr. Taylour, Fellow of University College, who shewed me the Register, in w^{ch} Mr. Woodhead's Speech is inserted. It was spoke 17 Aprilis, 1634. B^p Bancroft was present, & the B^p is spoken well of in it. Mr. Woodhead mentions King Alfred particularly as Founder of the College. He speaks of Guil. Dunelm' as
10 Restorer only. He speaks honourably of Greenwood's Benefaction; Greenwood was then an old man. 'Tis a very good speech.

Dec. 20 (Sun.). When Mr. Edward Lye was last in Oxford he gave me a little Parchment, viz. *Roberti Henrici regis filii de terra in Wanengtune ecclesiae S. Mariae de Oseneia*; but I find it is printed, tho' from another authority, viz. a MS. Register,¹ and not so correct as this little Parchment represents it, in the *Monasticon Anglicanum*.

This Mr. Edw. Lye was a great acquaintance of Mr. Joseph Bowles's, the late Keeper of the Bodleian Library.

Dec. 21 (Mon.). In the Catalogue of Cambridge MSS., in those of the
20 Publick Library there is No. 2417. 237 *Chronicon vetustissimum ex coenobio Abendoniae confectum, & sequitur multum G. Gisburnensem, sed fustus & per annos distinctus*. Principium: Anno a plenitudine temporis.

On Thursday last, Dec. 17 (being St. Lazarus's day) died at Ewelme, near Dorchester in Oxfordshire, the Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Wells, minister of Nettlebed and Pusill near Watlington, in the same County. He was the son of Mr. Nathaniel Wells, formerly Butler of Edmund Hall, who died Dec. 15, 1707, anno aetat. 55, & was buried in the Churchyard of St. Peter's in the East, Oxon. The son was buried to-day according to
30 his own desire, in the Churchyard of Ewelme, leaving behind him a good Character, being sober, modest, virtuous, & good-natured. His mother, the widow Wells, is now, and hath been many years, a Bedmaker in Edm. Hall. This Mr. Wells, the son, took the Degree of M.A. on Mar. 17, 1713, as a member of Edm. Hall, where he had been a Servitour first to Dr. Mill, & afterwards to Dr. Pearson, Principals of that Hall. He was born on St. John the Evangelist's day, Dec. 27, 1690.

Dec. 19, 1730. G. Harbin to H. (Rawl. 7. 27) [see Diary, Dec. 22].

Dec. 21, 1730. J. Jones to H. (Rawl. 7. 101) [see Diary, Dec. 28]. As for the man who owes money to R. Johnson, the manciple, he minds no manner of thing that is virtuous and has no employment. Does not know how the debt can be collected.

¹ Hearne is mistaken. The charter is printed in the *Monasticon* from the original deed, which was in the Cotton Library in Dugdale's time, if we may trust the *Monasticon*; subsequently it came into the hands of Mr. Lye; it is now in the Bodleian.—Ed.

Dec. 22 (Tu.). Mr. George Harbin hath got a Copy of the Historical Passages in Gascoigne's Dictionary. Some years ago Dean Hicckes borrowed the said Dictionary out of Lincoln College Library, and then Mr. Harbin had an opportunity of transcribing those Passages. He hath very kindly offered me the use of them at my Request.

Mr. Harbin knows nothing of any MSS. of Hemingford's Chronicle.

He observes that in the Heralds' Library is a MS. copy of Eversden's History of Ed. III, ^{wh} (he adds) may perhaps deserve to be printed sometime or other. He was a Monk of Bury.

Dec. 23 (Wed.). Mr. Tyrrell tells us in his Preface to his 3rd Volume, ¹⁹ that to his Authors he must add Walter Hemingford's Chronicle, the first part of which, as far as the beginning of the Reign of Edward the first, is printed in the last Volume of our English Historians, published by the learned Dr. Gale, late deceased, but the second part, ^{wh} Mr. Tyrrell says contains the reigns of Edward the first and second, with great part of that of Edw. III, is not yet published, but remains still in manuscript in the Library of Trinity College in Cambridge, where (he says) he had the favour to peruse it, and from thence added some things into the reigns of Ed. the first & third.

As to the said MS. of Trin. Coll., I suppose 'tis the same I had lately, ²⁰ a modern one, & contains only the first five years of Edward II, as I have signified to Mr. Baker, who procured the Loan of it for me.

Dec. 24 (Thur.). Yesterday morning, in a Convocation at 9 Clock, one Mr. Prichard, Fellow of Brazennose College, was elected Minister of Pusills and Nettlebed in room of Mr. Wells, ^{wh} is in the gift of the University, by reason Mr. Stoner, of Watlington Park, the Patron thereof, is a Catholick. I am told Mr. Prichard desired this Place for no other reason but because he loves shooting, and this is a Country for it.

Dec. 25 (Fri.). What is said above is all the account of Walter Hemingford mentioned in the Preface of Mr. Tyrrell's third Volume, ³⁰ only that Walter Hemingford & Henry de Knighton transcribed several of the most considerable Passages into their respective Histories from an anonymous Chronicle in Bodley, concerning the Warrs of Edward the first in Wales and other Places, the original of which once belonged to the Abbey of Abingdon, & is still preserved in the publick Library of Cambridge.

So Mr. Tyrrell; but for my part it rather appears to me that the Author of the Chronicle of Abbington transcribed from Hemingford, &

Dec. 22, 1730. H. to David Casley at Essex House near the Temple (*draft*; Rawl. 28. 126 A). In a letter of July 23 last, C. had told H. that his charge for the transcript he had sent of Otterbourne's Chronicle was £5 17s. 2d. This sum 'I desired Dr. Mead to deposit for me.' Whereupon, on Aug. 6, Mead said that he would bear the cost of the transcript of Otterbourne, and had sent C. word to that effect. That proper acknowledgement may be made to the Dr., H. would like to know if C. has been paid, as H. takes for granted.

Dec. 24, 1730. G. Harbin to H. (Rawl. 7. 25) [*see* Diary, Dec. 26 and Jan. 4].

not *vice versa*, and I much question whether Knighton used either; I am sure it does not appear to me that he ever saw Hemingford, otherwise he would not have omitted so much of the articles of a Contract of Marriage between Prince Edward, afterwards Edward II, and the K. of France's daughter, telling us that he knew not where to find the rest.

Dec. 26 (Sat.). Mr. Harbin, in his Letter of Dec. 24, 1730, saith he never did peruse Eversden, as he perceives I have; and since he says I have no opinion of it, he acquiesces in my judgment.

But, indeed, I never saw this Author, and therefore can say nothing of 10 him myself, tho' I intend, if I can think of it, to mention him to Mr. Anstis.

Dec. 27 (Sun.). Yesterday, very early in the morning, died of the small Pox, Mr. Duncombe, Gentleman Commoner of Merton College, in the 19th year of his age, and was carried out of Town this morning to be buried at his father's seat near Barkhamsted. He was one of the prettiest & finest & most sweet-tempered Gentlemen in the University, and his Death is much regretted. He had been at Abington at a Ball there, with three other of his Companions, one of *wh* is also a Gent. Com. of Merton, & two of them Gent. Commoners of Trin. Coll., one of *wh* died 20 also of the small Pox, Friday last, & he of Merton lies dangerously ill of it; and the small Pox being much in Abington, and they being not taken sufficient care of in the Inn, where they lay, it occasioned the distemper, *wh* indeed was very violent upon them.

Dec. 28 (Mon.). The Rev. Mr. John Hotchkin is rector of Abbat's Ripton near Huntingdon, but he lives at Great Kibworth near Harborough in Leicestershire, and being rich, he is making a Collection of our best Books in English History and Antiquities.

His Curate is Mr. John Jones, formerly A.B. of Edmund Hall, who hath two or three considerable Epitaphs, *wh* he took down last Summer 30 at an ancient Church in Wales, mentioned by Archbishop Usher, under the name of *Mauritania* in his *Primordia* (p. 515, I think), not published by Le Neve, *wh* Mr. Jones is willing to transmit to me. One is in Memory of that Person of great Worth and Integrity, Sr Thomas Powell, one of the Barons of the Exchequer in the Reign of K. James II, who resigned upon the P. of Orange's Accession, being unwilling to take the Oaths; another upon John Jones, Esq., who was Lieutenant Coll. in the service of K. Charles I during the Civil Wars; and a third upon

Dec. 26, 1730. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 150). Has received the Trin. Coll. MS. safely.¹ As 'our Libraries are closed at Christmas and for ten days before' he cannot send H. an account of the Chronicon Abindonense.

Dec. 28, 1730. H. to Dr. Mead (*draft*; Rawl. 28. 127). Thanks him for paying to Mr. Casley the sum of £5 17s. 2d. for making a transcript of Otterbourne's Chronicle. H. asks that he may balance the debt by sending him copies of *Caius*, 'which, as I believe it will be no prejudice to you, so I am sure it will be a particular kindness to me.'

¹ See letter of Nov. 12.—Ed.

Cornelius Lebrun Esq., all buried in the Chancel of the forementioned Church.

Dec. 29 (Tu.). On Sunday last, Mr. Taylor of Univ. Coll. shewed me one of their College Registers in w^{ch} the Bursar's Accounts are entered, marked as I remember C., where I saw Mr. Woodhead's account of his Bursarship for the year 1637, but I much question whether it be of his own handwriting; indeed, I think not.

Mr. Woodhead was one of the Skirlaw's Fellows.

He had been Freeston Scholar. The Freeston Scholars (Mr. Taylor told me) are called *Socii* by the Founder Freeston's own Decree or ¹⁰ Order.

The Dutchess of Marlborow hath given lately to the Univ. of Oxon. a bust of her late husband the Duke, w^{ch} is placed in the Bodleian Gallery, and I am told the placing it hath cost the University fifty libs.

Dec. 30 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Dec. 28:—

One Margaret Coe, of the parish of St. Saviour, Southwark, died a few Days since, in the 104th year of her age. She was 21 years of age when King Charles the First was beheaded, and was a servant at Whitehall; she saw the Executioner hold up the Head after he had cut it off, and remembered ²⁰ the dismal Groan that was given by the vast multitude of Spectators, when the fatal Blow was given; her Husband was afterwards Waterman to King Charles the Second, and kept his Fish-ponds in Southwark, which have since been filled up. She lived upon Milk Diet for about 20 years past, not eating any Flesh all the Time.

Yesterday morning, died in the Gravel Walk near Magd. College in Oxford, Madam Levinz, commonly called Lady Levinz, the widow of Dr. Baptista Levinz, B^p of Man, who died at Winchester, aged about 49, on Jan. 31, 1692, & was buried in the Cathedral Church there. He had been Fellow of Magd. Coll., w^{ch} he resigned on St. Mary Magdalen's ³⁰ day in 1682, & within few days after married this Lady, who was a Hyde, & before she had the small Pox was a most beautifull Woman, & continued very stately, as she was very proud to the last. The B^p himself was a most beautifull comely person, and intolerably proud, and by her had two most beautifull children, both w^{ch} are dead; the son, being Demy of Magd., died very young, and the Daughter, who was the wife of Dr. Mat. Frampton, died a few years since. I do not know that the B^p was author of any learned work. [This Lady Levinz (the B^p's Relict) was 67 years of age. She was buried at four Clock in the afternoon, in the Church of St. Peter in the East, on Jan. 7, Thursday.] ⁴⁰

When Mr. Abraham Woodhead was Bursar of Univ. Coll. in 1637, wheat was at 5s. 3d. per Bushell.

At the beginning and ending of the Register, in w^{ch} is Mr. Woodhead's Supputatio, is a Fragment (being two Fragments in all) of an ancient

Dec. 30, 1730. Rev. H. Frinsham, of White Waltham, to H. (Rawl. 5. 124). Is sorry for the usage H. is 'like to meet with. The clause of the will you enquire after was never proved; 'twas a bye order to the Executrix, my sister Mrs. Ann Cherry.'

MS., seven or eight hundred years old, of St. Hierom's Epistles, put there as strengtheners to the Book.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker of Cambridge, when it was Mr. George Harbin, the Nonjuror, took his Degrees, and of what College he was.

This Mr. Harbin is a right worthy, learned, honest man. He was Librarian to the old lord Weymouth. He is well versed in Heraldry and Antiquity. It is commonly said he drew up the excellent Book in folio called *Hereditary Right*, w^{ch} goes under the name of Mr. Hilkiah Bedford, my late Friend.

10 Dr. Henry Aldrich used to speak excellently well of the Learning of the said Mr. Harbin.

Dec. 31 (Thur.). The father of Lady Levinz was Dr. James Hyde, formerly Principal of Magd. Hall, Oxon., & the King's Physician in this University.

Jan. 1, 1730 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Fri.). Mr. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Fellow of Merton Coll., and one of the Head Proctors of the Univ., hath put out Proposals for printing Hesiod in 4^{to}, w^{ch} tho' all People laugh at as a mean Design, yet he meets with many Subscribers, even among those that laugh at it. It seems, he says, Dr. Tanner put him upon it, & communicated to him
20 a MS. never yet collated, and yet I am told this MS., whatever it be, hath been compared before.

Yesterday, was buried at Sandford near Chipping-Norton in Oxfordshire, the Lord Deloraine of Ledwell. This Person was the Lord Henry Scot, being the third son of the late James, Duke of Monmouth, beheaded on Tower Hill for High Treason, July 15, 1685. On his Coffin was put 'aged 53', but he was 54, being born anno 1676, being the said D. of Monmouth's son by the Lady Anne Scot, daughter and sole heir to Francis Scot, Earl of Bucclugh in Scotland. He was, by Letters Patent, bearing Date the 29th of March, 1706, in the fifth year of the Reign of
30 Q. Anne, created Earl of *Deloraine*, Viscount *Hermitage*, and Baron of *Geldilands* in the Kingdom of Scotland. He married Anne, daughter of William Duncombe of Battlesden in the County of Bedford, Esq., a fine Lady, and she being dead he afterwards married another very fine Lady, as he was a very fine, beautifull person himself. He was ill but a little while, having been extreme well about a fortnight before his death.

Jan. 2 (Sat.). The Libraries at Cambridge use to be shut up at Christmas, and ten days before.

Yesterday, died the eldest Daughter of Mr. Brookland, a man that deals
40 in old Cloaths, &c., at the Turl Gate in Oxford, raging mad of a Fracture she received in her skull on Xmas day last, by a Fall down headlong into the Cellar. She was a very sensible body, tho' not so handsome as her Sister, commonly called Ragabella, who was said (but false) to be married to the late Rector of Exeter College, Dr. Matthew Hole; w^{ch} youngest daughter, tho' beautifull, yet is of a shallow understanding.

Dec. 31, 1730. West to H. (Rawl. II. 167). Sends H. a book; is starting to visit Mr. Murray and may probably see Lord Oxford and Mr. Baker.

Jan. 3 (Sun.). Yesterday, Mr. Loveday shewed me his *Mediobarbus*, in ^{wh} are some MSS. notes of the famous Mr. Dodwell, whose Book it was, being bought by Mr. Loveday out of a Sale at London, in ^{wh} were part of Mr. Dodwell's Books, ^{wh} were sold by Mr. Dodwell's eldest son to Fletcher Gyles.

Mr. Dodwell's notes are all, excepting two (which are of two Coins of one Birch of Brazennose College), of Coins that he saw in the hands of Mr. Josiah Pullen, late V. Principal of Magd. Hall.

Mr. Pullen always used to shew Mr. Dodwell whatever coins he met with. I think Mr. Pullen's coins are now in Mag. Coll. Library. 10

There are also in Mr. Loveday's copy three or four notes of Dr. Edward Bernard's, whose book I suppose it might be before Mr. Dodwell had it.

Yesterday, Dr. Peter Jennens, D.C.L., and Fellow of St. John's Coll., was carried out of Oxford to be buried. He was a Man that was a hard Drinker, and addicted to Women.

Mr. Fysher, of Oriel College, told us last night (for I spent the Evening in Cat Street with him & Mr. Bateman of X^t Ch., &c.) that he was well assured that Mr. Wise, of Trin. Coll., hath had for some time 20 lbs. per an. to draw up a Catalogue of the Bodleian Coins, i. e. to do nothing, there being a Catalogue of them drawn up before by Mr. Ashmole, to ^{wh} 20 I added a Supplement, being inserted by me in the said Catalogue, comprehended in 3 volumes, tho' as to Consul Ray's coins &c., I made a distinct Catalogue of these, ^{wh} I keep by me in MS.

It seems Wise, in his Proposals for printing a Catalogue of the said Coins, talks of putting notes to, & of giving draughts of, the chief of them, & of putting them in order of time, and of giving an account of the Cities to ^{wh} the Greek ones &c. belong. This hath been already done.

Jan. 4 (Mon.). Cambridge was first made an University in the time of Ed. II, anno 1317, sive 1318. Vide Br. Twyne, p. 360.

In the Historical Passages of Gascoigne, ^{wh} I have, being lent me by 30 Mr. Harbin, are many passages relating to the Story of B^p Peacock, to ^{wh} it may not be improper to add what Whethamstede says in his MS. Chronicle concerning him. That Chronicle is in the Heralds' Library, & the part I have mentioned Mr. Anstis (as Mr. Harbin, in his Letter of Dec. 24, tells me) will order to be transcribed for me, at my request. The Publick, I think (and so does Mr. Harbin), should be better informed than it has been, how the Archbishop proceeded against him, because some made use of this instance to prove he was deprived solely by the Archiepiscopal authority.

When Archbishop Tension, some years ago, gave sentence against the 40 B^p of St. David's, Dr. Hooper (B^p of Bath & Wells) drew up a Discourse to prove the Archbishops had never exercised that authority in any one instance; he told Mr. Harbin he would shew it to him, but he never had

Jan. 3, 1739. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 51). 'I received Mr. Calvert's present of the *Muscipula* by post from London (but it cost me 3s. 6d. with his letter) very safe. You will be pleased to give him my humble service and thanks.' Recounts his bad treatment by Mrs. Cherry. 'The Author of the *Annals of Univ. Coll.* takes what I said in my Pref. to *Vita Ricardi II* about *Gulielmus Faber* to be meant for himself.'

an opportunity afterwards ; & since his death, Mr. Harbin hath inquired of his daughter for that Discourse, but she told him she had never met with it among his Papers. He knew nothing, at that time, of the Papers relating to Peacock in Gascoigne's Dictionary.

Jan. 5 (Tu.). Sr Thomas More studied & was educated in St. Mary Hall, at Oxford, about ^{wh} time Cardinal Allen, according to Fierbert, presided over the same Hall. See Br. Twyne, p. 365.

Lady Levins is said to have died worth forty thousand Pounds.

On Saturday last Godfrey, the Waggoner, brought a fine Picture directed 10 to Dr. Butler, Vicechancellour of Oxford, of Sir Hans Sloane, a present by Sr Hans to the University. I have been told it cost fourscore Guineas. It is since placed in the Bodl. Gallery.

I hear Sr Hans is about sending many Curiosities to the Univ.

He hath formerly given to the University many Books.

My late friend, the famous Mr. Joseph Barnes, lived at Hemingford Abbats, near St. Ives. I have just writ to Mr. Jones, of Ripton Abbats, to enquire how long his widow hath been dead, and what became of his MSS. papers after her death. She acted honourably by me in sending back, at my request, after his death, the many Letters I wrote to him concerning 20 Homer, &c., at the same time that there was a talk of printing the Letters of his Correspondents.

Jan. 6 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Jan. 4, 1731^o :—

We hear from Oxford that Mr. Francis Wise, B.D. of Trinity College, and Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum there, is about publishing an Account of the antient Hebrew, Phaenician, Samaritan, Punick, Sicilian, Greek, Roman, British, Saxon, and English coins, in a Series to the 16th Century, now in the Cabinets of the Bodleian Library there. This Collection was first began by Archbishop Laud, augmented by Dr. John Barcham, Dean of Bocking (who had then the best Collection in England), by Mr. Freke of Hannington and 30 several other Benefactors; and it is supposed, when this Catalogue sees the Light, we shall have no Reason to blush at the so much boasted Cabinets of France and Italy, and be able to shew the World there have not been wanting Genius's [*sic*] at Home in this most useful Study, equal to those in Foreign Parts, as well in making such Collections, as in Abilities towards rendring them beneficial, as well as amusing to Mankind; and such we expect to prove the Labours of this Undertaker, who is thought every way *par operi*.

Some years has been preparing for the Press by the late Dr. Hudson and Mr. Bowles, and now under the care of Mr. Fisher, a Catalogue of the printed Books in the Bodleian Library, which is exceeded in number and Choice by 40 none, not even the so much renowned Vatican at Rome, which judicious Travellers say bears no Proportion to this.

Jan. 7 (Thur.). The said Piece of News (^{wh} hath been inserted in all the Prints, as I am told) maketh all people laugh. Wise is made Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum, whereas the Keeper of that place is Mr. Shepherd, Bach, of Div. of Trinity College. Archbishop Laud is made to have begun the Collection, whereas it was really first begun by Dr. Barcham, who gave his Coins to the Archbishop, & drew up also a Book about

Jan. 7, 1730^o. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (*transcript* ; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 14). [The first part is copied *verbatim* from the Diary for Nov. 21, 1730; the last part from the Diary for Dec. 14.]

them ^{web} is in MS. in Bodley, from ^{web} without doubt Wise transcribes, so that whereas he is represented in this piece of News (drawn up as 'tis supposed by himself) as *par operi*, it must be understood that he is only fit to transcribe other people's Things. For besides that MS. there is another Catalogue in the Library drawn up in three Volumes in folio by Mr. Ashmole, and continued by myself. And then as to the goodness of the Collection, 'tis not equal to the name of the Library, notwithstanding it be otherwise very valuable.

The Catalogue also of the printed books is nothing but a new Edition of Dr. Thomas Hyde's, or rather Mr. Emmanuel Pritchard's Catalogue, with ¹⁰ my Appendix, contained in two Volumes in MS., as both were thrown together in one Alphabet & transcribed in six volumes in folio by Mr. Moses Williams, by order of Dr. Hudson, who intended to have printed the whole under his own Name.

Jan. 9 (Sat.). On Thursday last I just run over, in Magd. Coll. Library, Oxon., Reginald Peacock's *Rule of Faith*, published (as 'tis said) by Mr. Wharton. The Publisher in the Preface gives the Author a great Character, and yet I am fully convinced the Author was guilty of very great Heterodoxies, as Mr. Wharton himself might also have learned had he had the opportunity of consulting Gascoigne's Theological Dictionary. ²⁰ I say Mr. Wharton, because tho' his name be not to this Book, yet tradition justly enough ascribes the Edition to him, he having said the very same things of Peacock in his Appendix to Cave's *Historia Literaria*.

The MS. used by the Publisher of the said Tract is in Trin. Coll. Library, in Cambridge. It is in English, and consists of two Parts. The first part is too subtle and Philosophical for common Apprehension, and being built only upon probable Arguments, the Publisher hath only given some few Excerpta or Extracts out of it; but the second part he hath given at large so far as the MS. goes, for it seems there are many Things wanting at the end, I think several leaves, where he treated of our Saviour's ³⁰ Descent into Hell, & of that Article of the Creed about his Descent, in doing ^{web} I presume he shewed a great deal of ill doctrine both with respect to that and other subjects, and it may be that was the reason of the leaves being cut out in the MS., ^{web} the Publisher, from the deletions and corrections up and down, takes to have been the Original written by the Author's own hand, ^{web} if so, 'tis not unlikely but the Author himself might cut out and destroy the Leaves after his Recantation, or at least after he was vigorously prosecuted.

With the said Tract of Faith is bound Mr. Browne's Latin Sermon about the Consecration of our Eng. B^{ps}, and a good sermon it is. ⁴⁰

The said Mr. Browne is an old Non-juror, & a truly worthy learned man; a large 8^{vo} of his in English upon the same Subject is very lately published. Remember to ask Mr. Baker about him.

Jan. 10 (Sun.). The Book called *liber sophistarum*, printed by Wynkin de Worde, was written, as 'tis commonly said, by Robert Allington, who flourished anno 1400, and had been Chancellor of the University of

Jan. 10, 1738. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 60). Sends an account of the *Chronicon Abindonense*, of which there is a transcript in the Bodleian Library.

Oxford. See Br. Twyne, p. 368 ; but Mr. Wood, in his *Hist. Oxon.*, in the account of Chancellours, doubts whether it were he or another Allyngton, tho' for my part I am inclined to the first, who was a famous Logician, and was of Queen's College. Bale speaks scurrilously of him, but undeservedly. The Cantabrigians had a great Respect for him, & followed his Logical Rules, they having no Logick of their own that is written by any Cambridge man. Bishop Fell had a design of reprinting the said *liber sophistarum*.

Jan. 11 (Mon.). Mr. Baker, of Cambridge, doubts most of the considerable particulars in *Tho. Gascoign's Dictionary* are printed already. Indeed a great many are printed in Br. Twyne, Ant. à Wood, &c., but then there are others ^{wh} are not printed, and those I shall publish as I have them from Mr. Harbin, who collected and transcribed them himself.

Mr. Baker finds there has been such a Book as Linacer's Grammar in English, by Buchanan, who translated it into Latin ; but being for the use of schools, he presumes all the copies may have been torn & wasted among the Scholars, and not possible to be met with now. But his Latin Book contains all, and that with Improvements.

20 Mr. Anstis hath had a good while a Collection of several of the Cambridge Statutes lent him by Mr. Baker, I know not particularly with what design Mr. Anstis borrowed them, tho' I guess it to be upon account of his Book about All Souls College ; and besides, too, I have heard he is making a Collection of the Statutes of both Universities.

Mr. Geo. Ballard, the Taylour, of Campden, hath given me his Copy of *de rebus gestis Britanniae commentarioli tres ad ornatissimum virum M. Henricum Broncarem armigerum per E. S. ; Londini, ex officina Typographica Henrici Binneman, 8^{vo}*. The Author I take to be Sir Edward
30 Stradling, as I think I have hinted formerly.

Mr. Ballard desires me to send him what particulars I have met with relating to Mr. John Stow, as the different pieces of his works I have met with, and in what year printed, &c., he being upon collecting every thing remarkable concerning that industrious Antiquary.

He hath got a MS. of Voyages. If I have a mind to peruse either that or any other books, coins, &c. that he hath or can procure, he saith I may command them. *His Letter dated from Campden, Oct. 14, 1730.*

There was a fine Print of John Stowe done lately by Mr. George Vertue. I must tell Mr. Ballard of this.

40 Also tell him that in the folio Ed. of his Annals, by Howes, is a pretty large and particular account of Mr. Stowe.

Jan. 12 (Tu.). On Friday last, at Dinner time, Mr. Jos. Bettey, A.M., and Fellow of Exeter College, complained of Illness, and after Dinner went to his Room, shut himself in, and was never seen alive afterwards, being found dead in his bed on Saturday or else Sunday morning last. It is said to be an Apoplexy. He was about 34 years of age, & died much in debt, ^{wh} is said to happen (for he had a good income, being a Tutor & Curate of Kidlington, as well as Fellow) by his generous way of Treating Ladies upon occasion, he being a very handsome man himself, tho' he was not

vicious or any way debauched. He took the degree of M.A., June 15, 1720. He was an affable, good natured, courteous Man. He translated into English one of the first Fathers, & printed it at the Theater a few years since with notes, since w^{ch} he printed a Sermon about the Dignity of the Priesthood, dedicated to Dr. Potter, B^p of Oxford. He was buried last night in Exeter College Chappel.

A day or two since (I think he was entered yesterday) the Vice-Chancellour, Dr. Butler, made one Mr. Hilman (a young man of about 19 or 20 years of age, nephew by his Brother to Mr. Hilman, a writing-master of St. Aldates, in Oxford) master of the University Charity 10 School. Many appeared at first for this place, and the Vice-Chancellour said he would not dispose of it himself, but would leave it to the Heads of Houses. At last it came to a Resolution that it should go by Lottery, so as he that had most Lotts should carry it. The Lotts are printed and dispersed. Christ Church had more Lotts than any other Place, viz. ten, and the Dean of Xt Church & the Canons, being greater Contributors than any other Place, insisted that they might have a man to their own Mind, as Hilman it seems is, but a Lottery being pitched upon, and only one Green (a grave, sober man of about 50 years of age, who is a Printer, living in St. Peter's parish in the East), & the said Hilman being at last 20 (for the others had desisted) the only two Candidates, rather than come to draw tickets or Lotts, the Christ Church men left the whole matter to the Vice-Chancellor, & so did also several places by resigning their Lotts to him, in so much that he had now a majority of the Lotts, and did therefore, by virtue of such Concession or Resignation, give the Place to Hilman, tho' he had promised Green before, that if it were in his power (as now it most certainly was) he would give it him; but indeed his, the Vice-Chancellor's, word is not to be regarded, as I know full well from what he promised with respect to my MS. about the Oath of Allegiance, and yet afterwards fell from his word. He might as well have given this 30 place of schoolmaster at first, as now, to somebody, as indeed Dr. Lancaster did give it to Nash, as he was Vice-Chancellor, who was the first master, and 'twas judged that it is reasonable that the V.-Chancellor for the time being should always dispose of it.

Jan. 13 (Wed.). There are a great many editions of Stowe's Summary or Abridgment of his Chronicle or Annals; but how many I cannot say, I having seen but few myself. I have heard that after they began, the Author published them every year afterwards with a Kalendar before them, and that they served many instead of Almanacks. I think Mr. Murray hath the best Collection of them, and that the next best is Mr. James West's. 40

I have said many things about Stowe in my printed Books, to w^{ch} Mr. Ballard ought to have recourse.

Mr. Strype's Ed. of his Survey is done without Judgment.

Jan. 14 (Thur.). The Dutchess of Monmouth, mother of the late Earl of Deloraine, is since his death retired to her House at Chelsea.

Dr. John Harwood, a Doctor of Civil Law and of the Commons, is lately dead. He was a man of parts & Learning. I have had several Letters from him formerly, by w^{ch} he appeared to be a Friendly man, tho' I have heard that he was very covetous.

Jan. 15 (Fri.). I am told that Dr. Thomas Sherlock, B^p of Bangor, hath got Transcripts of all or most of the Statutes of both Universities.

Yesterday, I heard that my Friend and Acquaintance, Mr. Gilbert Lake, Vicar of Chippenham in Wilts., is dead. He took the Degree of M.A., being Student of X^t Church, on May 27, 1706, and that of B.D. Oct. 27, 1715. He was a very worthy, good natured man, and a good scholar. He succeeded Mr. Robert Cock in that Vicarage, w^{ch} Mr. Cock was forced to quit on account of the Oaths, *temp. Georgii I.* Mr. Lake was a handsome man, and he married a very handsome young Woman of 10 Oxford, one M^{rs}. Tipping, by whom he had children. He died of the Gout & Fistula.

Jan. 16 (Sat.). Tho' the Book of Grammar published lately by Mr. James Gibson be intitled *Grammatical Exceptions*, as if it were *Exceptions against Grammar*, as I indeed at first sight understood it, and so did others too, yet the whole tenour of his book is for Grammar, and for Lillie's above any other; only he would have no unnecessary alterations made in it.

Chronica Eveshamiae, I believe, contains very notable things. I am sure Thomas Gascoigne, in his *Theological Dictionary*, hath a remarkable 20 Passage out of it, as I gather from Mr. Harbin's Collections, Part II, p. 551.

The said Gascoigne, when he was Chancellour of Oxford, searched with diligence the Rolls of the old Chancellours of Oxford, and he found that there had been thirty thousand scholars in Oxford. *Dict. Theol., Part II, p. 569.*

Jan. 17 (Sun.). Last night Mr. Loveday put into my hands, to be perused by me, a Paper MS., marked 93, belonging to Magd. Coll. Library.

Jan. 18 (Mon.). Mr. Edward Hammond is made Vicar of Chippenham, 30 in room of Mr. Gilbert Lake, deceased.

Mr. Timothy Thomas, Rector of Presteign in Radnorshire, who spent the evening with me last night, said he knew nothing of B^p Humphreys's Papers.

Jan. 19 (Tu.). Mr. Thomas shewed me, on Sunday night last, a copy he had taken of the Inscription at Bath to Julius Vitalis, not knowing that I had printed this Inscription more than once, and that it had been printed also by others. I am apt to think from his Copy, w^{ch} I just looked over, that tricks have been plaid lately in the Stone.

Jan. 20 (Wed.). Mr. Humphrey Wanley died just a Fortnight after 40 he had married his second wife, a young, brisk, handsome Creature, by

Jan. 18, 1739. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 168). Drank H.'s health with Mr. Baker and also with Mr. Grey. [For the rest of the letter see Diary, Jan. 21.]

Jan. 19, 1739. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 59) [See Diary, Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1]. Mr. West has been at Cambridge and had hoped to bring Mr. Murray, but he was not in a condition to travel.

Jan. 20, 1739. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 53). 'Pray tell me the name

with marriage she had eight hundred Pounds, with which she married again soon after his death.

The said Humphrey Wanley parted with what Books of Curiosity he had, in his Lifetime, to the Earl of Oxford. When he died he had not above 30 lbs. worth of Books.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Jan. 18 :—

There died lately the Rev. Mr. Joseph Betty, Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, and Author of a famous Sermon published about two years ago concerning *The Divine Mission of the Gospel Ministers*.

Jan. 21 (Thur.). George Duckett, the Author of the Summary Account 10 of the Religious Houses, is now a Commissioner of the Excise.

Mr. West hath been lately at Colchester, where he saw Mr. Grey. He fears Mr. Grey talks of more Curiosities than he really possesses.

Mr. Wagstaffe, a Nonjuring minister, bought on Wed. 13th a Missal *secundum usum Hereford.* for a trifle. Mr. West was to see it this week, and I hope, therefore, for a better account of it from him.

Mr. West hath met with a very old imperfect MS. of *Epistolae Domini abbatis Willelmi de Paraclyto.*

Mr. West wants to know whether Dr. Plott's MSS. were given to Ashmole's Museum. I do not know that any of them were ever given 20 thither. His son-in-law, Mr. Burman, had them & parted with several to Harris, when he was upon the History of Kent, and that in 4^{to} upon all the Counties he gave to Dr. Thorpe of Rochester.

Jan. 22 (Fri.). John Phreas, Fellow of Balliol College, translated Diodorus Siculus out of Greek into Latin. He taught Physick at Ferrara or Padua. The Translation is falsely ascribed to Poggius Florentinus.

of the S. T. P. who talked of an unmannerly resignation. You know I was elected Architypographus and Beadle. After I was elected, I fully designed to have relinquished the Library, but when I found that I was robbed of the Architypographus's place (which was given to a mechanic, tho' my Predecessor had it) I resolved to continue as I was in the Library. Upon this an order was made by the Curators that the Beadleship was inconsistent with the office of Hypobibliothecarius, and a power was given by them to Dr. Hudson of putting in another, if I kept both. Hereupon I immediately resigned the Staff, before I went out of the Library, upon which, that very day in the afternoon, the Locks were altered and new keys were made to the Library, so that I could not go in to do my duty as usual (for I was Janitor as well as Hypobibliothecarius, tho' when I became Hypobibliothecarius I agreed very readily that the salary of a Janitor, tho' not the showing of the Anatomy School, should go to an under Officer, that was to ring the bell & attend as an assistant) and yet afterwards they proceeded against me for neglect of duty; and when I told them that my declining to act after the 23rd day of Jan. 1715 (for 'till that time I continued to execute the office of Librarian, when I could get into the Library) was first because I was excluded or debarred the Library, and secondly because I had not taken the oaths, and desired that these two reasons might be entered, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Baron, said he would not take notice of either, but that they would insist upon neglect of duty, which accordingly they did, since which I have lived retiredly, retaining the old keys of the Library by me.'

For the very original, written by the Author's own hand, is now extant in Balliol College Library, & Brian Twyne (p. 371) observes that this MS. was written long before the Translation was divulged in the name of Poggius.

About 3 weeks ago, a silver Tankard, value towards 30 Pounds, was found in Tho. Speakman, a carpenter in St. Peter's in the East, his Boghouse, belonging to Univ. Coll., and a little before another Piece of Silver Plate, belonging to the same College, was found under old wood in a Backside of the same Thomas Speakman. He is a leading man in
10 St. Peter's parish in the East, and very demure, and is commonly called St. Speakman, and by some St. Thomas.¹

Jan 23 (Sat.). In Br. Twyne, p. 372, 373, is a remarkable Passage from John Whethamsted, *titulo de historiis & historiographis*, about taking degrees in Schools or Universities, *weh* custom he makes to have begun about the year 1151, when Pet. Lombard compiled the Sentences.

It is now generally said that poor Mr. Bettey, of Exeter College, occasioned his own death by taking an immense Quantity of laudanum or opium, which he had of an Apothecary under pretense of carrying it into the Country. He was originally of Hart Hall, where he was looked
20 upon as a good Scholar and a hard Student, but somewhat crazed. He had bolted the Door of his Chamber within side, when he went to bed, after he had taken the Dose.²

Jan. 24 (Sun.). Dr. Tho. Jenner, Fellow of Magd. Coll., & Margaret Professor of Div., sets up for, and aims at the Character (a poor aim, God wot,) of a very cunning man, instead of minding much his Divinity, of *weh* he hath but a little stock as 'tis said, and yet with all his cunning he sometimes makes discoveries of villanous [*sic*] Acts in the College; as he did very lately when, inadvertently in Discourse, he let drop that 25 lbs. per an. of B^p Warner's money, for buying books yearly to the Library for
30 ever, was turned to the common stock.

Mr. Loveday hath bought my Ed. of Ross *de Regibus Angliae* of Fletcher Gyles of London, bookseller, for which he gave him three guineas and a half.

Jan. 25 (Mon.). Hugh Coriat, quoted by Br. Twyne, p. 237 as an Oxford Poet, and author *Chronographiae descriptionis collegiorum Oxon.*, in *weh* he tells us that University College began sub Aluredo per dom. Gulielmum archidiaconum, anno 873.

Jan. 26 (Tu.). Last Sunday in the afternoon, being Jan. 24, Mr. Sam. Rolleston of Merton College preached again at St. Marie's before the

Jan. 25, 1730. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 169) [*see* Diary, Jan. 28 and 29]. 'I hear Dr. Tanner is on the point of marriage with a young lady of £40,000 fortune.'

¹ Note by Hearne: 'But Mr Speakman himself was not privy to the wickedness.'

² Note by Hearne at the end of the volume: 'Mr. Thomas Lamb, a noted Quaker of Shillingford Ferry near Dorchester, and a great dealer in mault, is 55 years old; so he said Jan. 23, 1730.'

University, upon the same Subject as before, viz. of the nature of moral & positive Duties, and tho' the former Sermon was clamoured against by many as heterodox (I know not how justly), yet I am told this was a very good Sermon, notwithstanding he differed from Dr. Waterland and others that have discoursed on the same argument.

Jan. 27 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday Jan. 25 :—

Edward Kynaston, LL.D., one of the Fellows of All Souls College in Oxford, is made Commissary to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, in the room of Dr. Harwood, deceased.

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Jan. 28 (Thur.). Last Monday, died of a Consumption, Mr. John Gibson, an honest Roman Catholic of about 45 or 46 years of age, at his House near Cairfax in Oxford, being a victualling House, called and known by the name of *Paradise Hall*. He hath left a wife and 6 children. His said wife is a tall, jolly Woman (but she hath been lame some years), and hath very good sense. She is Protestant. He was buried at Cairfax last night.

Mr. West, in his way to Colchester, made Halstead his road on purpose to see Mr. Holman's MSS. relating to Essex, but hearing his son, a mercer in Sudbury in Suffolk, had removed them into his own house, he went to Sudbury, where he found them. They consist of about 200 quarto stitched volumes, each about the size of an ordinary Copy book. He thinks the Performance very mean. It consists of a Transcript of Domesday in the Proper Places, extracts from Newcourt's Repertorium, and a Collection of Epitaphs, with accounts from Antony à Wood, of famous Persons, if born there. His son (whose view seems to be wholly gain) values 'em at an extraordinary rate, and seems to think of publishing them, but there is no View of any one monument, ruins, or house, nor any Map of the County yet thought on. Mr. West offered him 100 lib. for them, purely with a Design of keeping them in his own (as he calls it) little Museum, or preserving them from being destroyed. His son himself told Mr. West, his father never thought of publishing them, w^{ch} verifies my Conjecture. They are so mercenary now, as even to offer Mr. West a collection of private Letters for sale, w^{ch} Mr. West told them was very dishonourable.

This day Mr. Stephen Niblett, warden of All Souls College, was presented in Congregation to the Degree of D.D.

Jan. 29 (Fri.). Yesterday, Mr. Courtney, Gent. Commoner of Magd. Coll., had an honorary Degree of Master of Arts conferred upon him.

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Epistolae domini abbatis Willelmi de Paraclito in Mr. West's hands contain many Letters to the Pope, with answers 'ad episcopum Lundensem, ad conventum sanctimonialium in Roskidensi civitate, ad conventum de Sclagethorp, ad abbatem de Esrum, ad dominum Eebonem, ad fratres

Jan. 26, 1730. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 20). Sends subscriptions for *Caius*. 'I am content that you should, as you desire, repay the money paid to Mr. Casley for Otterbourne by cyps of *Caius*.' [See letter, Aug. 6, 1730.]

beate Genovese Parisiensis, Cancellario regi Danorum, monachis sancti Michaelis, ad comitem B. ad construendum monasterium in Paraclyto, ad regem Danorum Kanutum, ad abbatem Premonstratensem, ad dominum Lundensem archiepiscopum, ad episcopum Thurgotum'. In number 82 remaining perfect and fair, relating to the principal Affairs of Church and State. Some person in a late hand hath written at the end: 'Heu, crudelis et rustica, barbara manus, quae violasti quod reparare nequivisti. Desunt caeterae epistolae domini abbatis Willelmi de Paraclyto, quae haud dubie plures erant, gravibus de rebus perscriptae.'

- 10 **Jan. 30 (Sat.).** Mr. Baker in his Letter from Cambridge of the 19th, tells me that he dares not venture on transcribing the old French *Trayle baston* in the *Chronicon Abend.*, least [*sic*] he should lead me into mistakes. He suspects there are mistakes in the original, & thinks he should be in danger of giving me more in the Copy. It is plain, he says, to him, both Dr. Tanner (whose Papers I told him I have by me, but this is omitted) and Mr. Tyrrell did not care to meddle with it. The former must have seen it, & the latter, tho' he takes notice of it in his history, yet does not so much as abridge it. The Copier of Hemingford (I mean of that MS. in Trin. Coll. Library, Cambridge, w^{ch} I have lately perused) has done
20 the like, & for that reason has left a Lacuna, w^{ch} Mr. Baker says will be enough for me to say.

Jan. 31 (Sun.). Yesterday, being the Martyrdom of K. Charles I, the Sermon before the Univ. was preached at St. Marie's by Mr. Edward Bateman, M.A. and Student of X^t Ch.

- The *Chronicon. Abend.* in the publick Library at Cambridge, being in a different hand & character from any MS. Mr. Baker ever saw, there can be no ground (as Mr. Baker tells me in the foresaid Letter) of judging of its age from thence. But so much pains has been taken, & cost bestowed upon it, that it seems to be an Original. It concludes with the
30 reign & death of Edward I, a complete period, and having *Finis* at the bottom, the Compiler seems not to have designed to carry it further. It was undoubtedly wrote by a Monck of Abendon, so many particulars being inserted concerning that House, but they are small things, such as the election of Abbots, disposing of Estates, &c., not considerable enough for a generall history.

- Feb. 1 (Mon.).** Mr. Baker wishes Mr. Murray would give Mr. Hare's valuable Copy of the Athen. Oxon. to me. He had not heard of it 'till I told him. But I cannot expect any such thing from Mr. Murray. Mr. Baker tells me [in that Letter of Jan. 19] he has left me by will
40 a copy of that Book, noted with his own hand, w^{ch} perhaps, he says, I may value as much. He guesses very right; I shall set a greater value upon it, and particularly as it comes from so good a friend, provided I survive him. But I heartily wish him still many years, for the Good of Religion, Virtue, and Learning.

Feb. 1, 1739. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 144). Has waited on Mr. Calvert's agent, but has received no answer. 'Our Royal Society, by a new Statute, have declared war against all the Academies in the world; for

Feb. 2 (Tu.). King Edward I and Alienor his Q. were at Oxford 15 days together anno 1286, according to the annals de Bruton *sive* Briton monastery, Br. Twyne, p. 285. W^{ch} passage, however, is not in Mr. Fulman's Ed. at Oxon. The book of Keinsham, according to John Stowe, hath *Exoniae* for *Oxoniae*. Twyne knew not what that Book of Keinsham was.

Feb. 3 (Wed.). On Monday last, Feb. 1, was entered Commoner of Edm. Hall, one Dawson, who had been Commoner of Exeter College, but was expelled that House, because last Portmeadow Horserace, he and many besides, to the number of about 30, lay with a young Woman 10 all together one night (the Woman's Maiden Name Cradock, she being married, a most impudent slut) in the said Meadow, whilst all the People in the Meadow stood round to see them. For w^{ch} three others also of Exeter College were expelled, as were two of Queen's College, one of w^{ch} two hath since hanged himself in the north. Both those of Queen's College were poor Children.

From the Northampton Mercury, Feb. 1 :—

On Wednesday night last two Publishers were taken into Custody by two of his Majesty's Messengers for publishing a most seditious and infamous Libel intitled *The Divine Catastrophy of the Royal family of the Stuarts, &c.*; by which 20 the reigns of King James I and King Charles I are traduced and villified, and the Murder of King Charles I openly avowed and justified. And on Thursday Mr. Charles Davis, bookseller, was taken into Custody for the said Libel.

Feb. 4 (Thur.). Mr. West, in his Letter from the Inner Temple of Feb. 2, tells me a friend of his is about publishing Letters to and from Selden, a large volume of w^{ch} he hath found in Mr. Hale's Library, grand-nephew to Sir Matthew Hale, to whom they came as Executor from Mr. Selden.

Mr. West wants to know whether we have any of Mr. Selden's or Dr. Langbaine's Letters in Bodley, or any College Libraries. 30

I know of nothing in Bodley, whither came none of his private Papers nor any of his Common Law Books, w^{ch} collection of Common Law Books was a noble one. Neither do I know of any in College Libraries.

One would think by his careless Style, that Mr. Selden was an extempore Writer, and yet no one laboured things more, as I have formerly noted from what Mr. Burton told me, who hath seen some of his Tracts in MSS. so altered & changed, as they were hardly legible plainly, shewing that he had not a ready pen; for w^{ch} reason 'tis probable he might pen his Letters of any note twice, & so there may be of them among his Papers, w^{ch} otherwise one would hardly expect. 40

Feb. 5 (Fri.). On Wednesday last, I received from Dr. Rawlinson a copy of Madam Cherry's will, as he procured it from the Heralds' Office.

It is dated Dec. 6, 1725, and to it is a Codicil of July 21, 1726, and

who'll be the man who shall sign to the candidate he proposes, or think patiently of his being posted up for ten weeks together; but this scheme is to thin us.

Feb. 2, 1730. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 301) [see Diary, Feb. 4].

to that Codicil an Appendix without date. In it there is not the least mention of Mr. Cherry's MSS. In disposing of her temporal affairs she appears very uncharitable, both to her Daughter Eliz. & to Mr. Frinsham, particularly the latter for marrying with the said Daughter. She cuts off every thing whatever from Mr. Frinsham. She makes her daughter Ann executrix.¹

Feb. 7 (Sun.). On Thursday last, died at Appleton (near Abbingdon in Berks.), Dr. Samuel Cripps, rector of that place. He was formerly Fellow of Magd. Coll. Oxon., as a member of w^{ch} House he took the
 10 degree of M.A., June 22, 1683, that of B.D. June 25, 1695, and that of D.D. July 1, 1708. He was a good, honest, quiet man, and made an excellent Parish Priest, being well-beloved there, and the better because he used to invite his Parishioners in their turns to dine with him on Sundays. He was a good Country Preacher, but was looked upon, when he lived in Oxford, as the very worst University Preacher of that place, insomuch that when Dr. Ironside was Vice-Chancellor, this Cripps preaching at St. Marie's before him so tired the said Dr. Ironside with the Dullness of his Sermon, that the Dr., as the Beadles were conveying him home, asked them the Preacher's name. 'Pray', says he, 'what is the
 20 name of him that preached just now?' 'Cripps, sir,' says one of the Beadles; I think 'twas Peter Cox. 'A Pox cripp him,' says Dr. Ironsides. Yet I remember that notwithstanding he was despised by others, Dr. Grabe used to say that he was the best Preacher in the whole University, and wondered he was so much contemned. 'For', said he, 'he preaches practically and brings Proofs from Scripture, contrary to the common way of the University, where generally Essays without Scripture Proofs pass for Sermons.' He married two Wives, the first of w^{ch} hath been dead many years, and lies buried in Appleton Church, as I think I have noted formerly, there being an Inscription to her memory there.
 30 She was a very good Woman, & is often spoke of there to this day with respect. But his second Wife, now a widow, is a miserable, stingy, ill-natured Wretch, not at all like the other. He had Children by neither. The Dr. had an elder Brother, a millener in Oxford, who had been formerly mayor of that City, and was a man of very good sense, so that 'twas often said, he should have been the Scholar, and the other the Tradesman. He was a lewd man, & was strangely affected with the Palsy some years before he died, w^{ch} happened several years since. He had children, one of w^{ch}, a Daughter, was one of the prettiest young Creatures

Feb. 6, 173 $\frac{3}{4}$. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 277). *Caius* is finished and is with the binder. Asks whether M. possesses a copy of *Athenae Oxon.* with notes and additions by John Hare, Richmond Herald.

Feb. 6, 173 $\frac{3}{4}$. H. to Richard Grosvenor (*draft*; Rawl. 27 B. 334). Asks where the copy of *Caius* is to be sent. He has not yet paid for *Trokelowae*.

Feb. 7, 173 $\frac{3}{4}$. Thomas Bedford, from Burnhall near Durham, to H. (Rawl. 28. 20). Sends his proposal for the printing of Simeon of Durham, subscription 6 shillings.

¹ Note by Hearne at the end of the volume: 'Feb. 5, Mr Cockman from 3 clock till after ten.'

in England, & married one Mr. John Hacker who took the degree of M.A. as a member of Edmund Hall, June 8, 1686, and succeeded Mr. Stephen Penton in the Rectory of Glympton. He is still living, but his wife, by whom he had two daughters, both, I think, living, hath been dead a good while. This Hacker was not at all personable, even when young, nor of good Qualities, as I am told, so that 'twas much wondered at, that so complete a beauty, as Cripps's daughter was, could consort with him.

There is an old Chair at the Deanery of Wells, with *Johannes Arthurus monachus Glaston'* about it.

This day, in the forenoon, died in the 35th year of his age, about ten 10 of the Clock, of a consumption, Dr. James Jenkinson, Fellow of Magd. College. He died in the College. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of that House, May 17, 1716, that of B.D. Feb. 15, 1725, and that of D.D. July 8, 1727. He was one of the many sons of the late Sr Robert Jenkinson, was a perfectly good-natured man and well beloved, as indeed all of that family are the best-natured people in the World. I was perfectly well acquainted with an elder brother of his, Mr. Richard Jenkinson, late Student of X^t Church, who took the Degree of M.A. as a member of X^t Church, June 26, 1710. He died some years since Rector of Binfield, near Ockingham in Berks. 20

Feb. 8 (Mon.). Q. Eliz. was wonderfully pleased with Thomas Neal's book, that he presented to her when she was in Oxford, about the University, and with Bereblock's Draughts of the Buildings, as Bereblock himself has told us in the valuable piece of his that I have printed at the end of *Vita Ricardi II.*

Wrote to-day to Sr Thomas Sebright, desiring him to let me know whether he had any Thing relating to Sr Roger Twysden's design of publishing Hemingford: also whether he had among Sr Roger's books any MS. of Boston of Bury *de scriptoribus Britannicis* (wh^{ch} Sr Roger is said to have had), and whether among Mr. Lhuyd's books and papers 30 he had Bp Humphreys's notes upon, and Additions to, that part of Cambden that relates to Wales.

Feb. 9 (Tu.). To ask Dr. Rawlinson what 'tis that he is printing, at least correcting from the Press, in wh^{ch} is *A copy of the Deed of Pension by Henry the sixth of England to John Harding*. The book relates to Scotland. The said deed is in the Appendix numb. 7, taken from Rot. Pat. 36 Hen. VI. The book is 8^{vo}.

Upon my suggestion, Dr. Rawlinson sent to Mr. Crynes, the Beadle, to procure of Dr. Newland, Fellow of Magd. Coll. Oxon., the Bill of Fare, when Ric. III was entertained in that College. 40

Mr. Crynes told me yesterday Dr. Newland had left it to Dr. Jenner to help him, the said Dr. Newland, to that Bill of Fare. I am told the said

Feb. 8, 1739. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 52). Thanks for Mrs. Cherry's will, which he returns.

Feb. 8, 1739. Richard Grosvenor to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 335). Says that his bookseller, Mr. Crockett at the Golden Key over against St. Dunstan's church, will pay for the books (*see* letter, Feb. 6).

Feb. 9, 1739. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 3. 180). Subscribes for *Hemingford*.

Bill is in the Bursary. I know not how truly Ant. Wood refers to the College Register for what he knew of the Entertainment.

'I find Geo. Harbin, Coll. Eman., takes the Degree of Bac. of Arts, an. 1686. When he should regularly proceed Mr., he was not qualified, so I looked no further'. *Mr. Baker's Letter of Jan. 19.*

Dr. Cripps was buried in Appleton Church yesterday, in the afternoon, when several of the Fellows of Magd. Coll. went over to the Funeral.

Feb. 10 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury of Monday, Feb. 8, 1731^o:—

10 About a week ago, as the Workmen were digging in the Gardens of Charles Child, Esq. of Waverlay in the County of Surrey (where an Abbey was founded about 400 years ago by William Giffard, then Bp. of Winchester and Abbot of Waverlay aforesaid, as appears by the *Monasticon Anglicanum*, vol. i, page 703) they found a leaden Pot, in which was the Heart of a man preserved in Spirits, supposed from an Inscription upon a Tomb in the Cathedral Church of Winchester to have been the Heart of the said Bishop, and yet it is not in the least decayed. But this Art of preserving Bodies, &c., for so many ages, seems now to be entirely lost amongst us.

This day I wrote to Mr. Edward Acton, LL.B., rector of Bentworth, 20 near Alton in Hampshire. He is brother to the late Mr. James Acton of All Souls. He was a neighbour and great acquaintance of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Hinton, rector of Lasham.

Mr. Hinton used often to tell me that he had made divers Collections relating to Glastonbury and to the History and Antiquities and the famous men of Oxford. He promised me that I should have the use of them, but I never saw any thing of them, so that I suppose he might detain them till an opportunity offered of communicating them to me himself at Oxford. Probably Mr. Acton may know something of this Affair. He was a man versed in our History and Antiquities, and for 30 that reason I should regard his Remarks, and particularly also as he was my Friend. So I told Mr. Acton.

About three weeks since died Mary Pulcher at Littlemore by Oxford. She was a strangely merry, laughing Woman. She was never married. She was 75 years old. She was found dead, stark naked, in the lowest room of the House (her brother's house) with whom she lived, tho' till of late she had generally lived at Oxford. 'Tis supposed she was seized suddenly (for she went to bed well), & tumbled down stairs.

Feb. 11 (Thur.). Dr. Howarden's answer to Dr. Clark and Mr. Whiston is not only very concise, but likewise very clear and learned.

40 Dr. Howarden hath printed another book, called *The Rule of Faith*, wh^{ch} I have not yet seen, tho' it hath been printed many years.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, was buried old goody Sheene, in St. Peter's Churchyard in the East, Oxon., who died on Tuesday, the 7th inst.,¹ in

Feb. 11, 1739. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 204). 'The note you sent me in relation to the Author of the Customs of London no person has seen, nor no one shall, without you give leave.' [See also Diary, Feb. 13.]

¹ Hearne must mean either 'Sunday the 7th' or 'Tuesday the 9th'.—Ed,

the said St. Peter's parish work House, starved to death & smothered in her own filth, there being no due care taken of her, tho' she was, when able, a very neat woman. She was about 80 years old.

Her husband died 20 years since or more. He had his Coffin made some time before he died, & placed against St. Peter's church or by it, ^{weh} he would daily view & sit in, to put him in mind of mortality.

Feb. 12 (Fri.). This morning, at 7 Clock, Dr. James Jenkinson, of Magd. Coll., was carried out of Town to be buried at Charlebury.

John Middleton, S.T.P., who now lives in London, was formerly of Merton College, and is a noisy, empty, frothy, vain-glorious man, whose ¹⁰ merit could never raise him above a Chaplainship of Merton College. He is a swearing Jacobite, fawning on the Nonjurors, ever exclaiming against the Prince he has sworn to, and speaking laudably of him he has abjured. Neither can his Church meet with better quarter, its Prelates, particularly its primate, has no recommendations in his opinion for his post. To conclude, he is loud and positive, a Champion in the pulpit for Toryism, as near a bordurer on Treason as he dares. Such is in short the Character of this Fanfaron, who ought not to be trusted by persons of any denomination or persuasion; and yet he, and such as he, should there be an alteration, will pretend to very great Merits, even far above ²⁰ such as have been real sufferers and acted according to Principles. He hath printed one or two Sermons, in ^{weh} his Froth & Noise may be seen.¹

Feb. 13 (Sat.). Lord Oxford tells me by Letter from Dover Street, of the 11th inst., that he hath not any MS. of *Chronicon Abingdoniense*. None of his MSS. are in his Country Library.

He had lent me his copy of *Extracts from Gascoigne*, only Mr. Harbin had informed him he had lent me his, from whence my Lord's was transcribed.

My Lord repeats again to me that he shall always be ready to lend me any book, MS. or printed, charter, &c., that is in his power, & he ³⁰ hopes I will make use of this declaration; for, he assures me, it is very sincere.

About 2 months or more since, Mr. Murroe, of Trin. Coll., married the daughter of the widow Stockley, who keeps a Coffee House in the Turl, Oxford.

The said Murroe was originally of Cambridge, but being wild, he was sent to Edmund Hall, Oxford, where he was Gent. Commoner. From Edmund Hall he went to Trinity Coll., & was there also Gent. Commoner, but he is now a Bach. of Arts.

Feb. 13, 1739. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 115). Proposes that Whethamstead's Register should be sent to H. 'If I guessed at the inference you are making from the Precedent of Peacock, it may not be foreign for you to observe that the Canon Law about the Depositions of Bishops was received into our Law by the Laws of Hen. I, as will appear to you upon reading the Laws towards the beginning of that Collection.'

¹ This account of Dr. Middleton seems, from its style, to be the writing of Dr. Rawlinson.—Ed.

His wife is deformed & lame, & hath not a penny to her Fortune, but she is looked upon as witty, i. e. I suppose, bold and impudent.

Her elder sister was married a few years since to one Loder, a Commoner of Exeter College, but he is dead, & she hath spent the main of what she had by him.

Mr. Murroe is a person of mean understanding.

Feb. 14 (Sun.). Mr. Harbin is of my opinion that it might not be proper to print B^p Hooper's dissertation, if it should be put into my hands, nor indeed to take any notice of it in my Book. His meaning in
 10 advertising me of it, was that if I had a sight of it, I might perhaps find something there that would illustrate & compleat the history of B^p Peacock, which he presumes I intend shall take up some part of my Preface to Hemingford, with whom I am to print the Historical Extracts from Gascoigne. Mr. Harbin's letter of Feb. 11, 1734.

Feb. 15 (Mon.). I have formerly observed that Mr. Wharton published a small Tract of B^p Peacock's, out of Trinity College Library in Cambridge, about the Scriptures. Mr. Baker (as Mr. Harbin tells me in the foresaid Letter) can assure me there is now in the Publick Library at Cambridge a Folio MS. volume in English of several of his Writings.
 20 Mention this to Mr. Baker.

Feb. 16 (Tu.). Dr. Holdsworth, of St. John's College, told me last Week that Dr. Stuart, of Exeter, hath met with something in an old MS. of curious Remark, that will correct Godwyn with respect to one of the Bishops of Exeter. What B^p 'tis, Dr. H. could not tell, but he said Dr. Stuart designed to send it me.

I desired Dr. Holdsworth, at the same time, to ask Dr. Stuart whether there be any thing in their old Registers relating to B^p Peacock.

The Dr. said 'twas not likely there should. I told him perhaps there might, considering Peacock was not orthodox, & 'tis probable a caution
 30 about him might be entered in all Cathedral Churches.

Feb. 18 (Thurs.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Feb. 18:—

On Sunday morning Feb. 7 last, about eleven o'Clock, the Lord James Cavendish started from Hide-Park Corner on a Horse a little above a Galloway (not Mr. Humbertson's) and rode to the Lodge in Windsor Forest [w^{ch} is 20 miles¹] for a very considerable Wager. Upon his Lordship's arrival the three Stop Watches were unsealed, and it appeared by the first he had won by 16 seconds [the time allowed and agreed upon being an hour and five minutes],

Feb. 14, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 147) [see Diary, Feb. 22]. 'I am glad to hear you are in so good a state of health as to walk abroad this cold weather; I dare hardly stir beyond my chamber.'

Feb. 15, 1734. E. Acton to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 5). Wishes to subscribe for Hemingford [see Diary, Mar. 20, 1734].

Feb. 17, 1734. Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 245). Has not heard from General Dormer about *Caius*, but will venture to pay for him.

¹ In the margin Hearne writes 22, as a correction.—Ed.

by another by one minute, and the third by one minute and four seconds. It is reckoned 5000*l.* was depending on this match. The Earl of Portmore won 800 guineas and General Harvey lost 200 guineas. And the next day, being Feb. 8, between Three and Four in the Afternoon he returned from thence to St. James's in good Health. His Lordship ordered a handsome sum to be distributed among the Receivers at the several Turnpikes through which he passed, the Gates being all left open on that Occasion for many Hours, and all Passengers rode through Toll free. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and a great number of Nobility and Gentry went to Hyde Park Turnpike to see his Lordship start.

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Feb. 19 (Fri.). Mr. Lewis of Margate, that vile Wretch (for so I hear that he is from the best hands, who likewise agree that he is a very silly fellow) designed to write and publish the Life of B^p Peacock, but I am now told by Mr. Baker, that 'tis postponed for Wickliff's New Testament now pretty far advanced.

I suppose 'twas for that Design, that Lewis had Extracts from Whethamstede's Chron. at the Heralds' Office.

To ask the E. of Oxford whether, in his vast Treasure of MSS., he hath any thing about Reginald Peacock.

Yesterday, meeting Dr. Collis of Magd. Coll. Oxon. in St. John Baptist's Street, I told him they had in Magd. Coll. an account of K. Ric. III's entertainment there. He said he would speak to the Vice Chancellour about it, & that I should certainly have it, if it be there.

Feb. 20 (Sat.). Old Mr. W^m Joyner, who lies buried in Holywell Church Yard, Oxford (with a Tombstone over him), often desired Mr. Kymber to be his Executor. But he declined it, tho' he wished he had, because after his Death, when they examined his Books, they found money stuck in almost every one of them, in all to the value of three or four hundred lib*s.*, w^{ch} I take to be the reason why he never would let one see his Study, tho' often desired to do it.

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I was acquainted with Mr. Joyner, and used to visit him in the Mannour House at Holywell, where he lodged, after Dinner, it being his desire I would come at that time, because of his going to bed always at 4 in the evening, and rising at 4 in the morning.

When I used to be with him, he would often mention his Books as curious in their kind, but I could never get him to shew me one, w^{ch} must be for the foresaid reason. Yet when he died it appeared that the Books were but ordinary.

Feb. 21 (Sun.). He would talk very pleasantly, and have a Pint of Ale by himself, and a very hard Crust.

He used to say he loved an old Protestant, but could not endure the Puritans.

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Mr. Wood hath an account of two Things that he printed. His account of Cardinal Pole is but a mean Thing. When he gave it to Mr. Obadiah Walker, Mr. Walker afterwards said to him, 'My Joyner, I like your Book well; only you mention Puritans before they were in being.' 'Oh', says Joyner, 'they are the greatest Rogues upon the Face of the Earth.' 'Very well', says Mr. Walker, 'then I like your reason for mentioning of them very well.'

Mr. Joyner told me Mr. Wood used often to come to him, & that he told him many stories which he (Mr. Wood) penned down in his presence, & when any thing pleased Mr. Wood, he would always cry *Hum*, upon which Mr. Joyner would go on & expatiate. Mr. Joyner told me also to bring my Pen and Ink, and write down old stories he should tell me, 'and when you say *Hum*', says he, 'I shall know that you are pleased, and I will go on.' But I never did, tho' I was with him many times, when I was a young Master of Arts.

Feb. 22 (Mon.). From Mr. Baker's Letter of Feb. 14 :

- 10 'Instruction given by us Thomas Archbishop of Can. with the advis of oure Brethren of this Land to th' Abbot of Thorney, howe Reginalde Peacock, whome we have sent unto hym shall be treatyd in y^e monastery aforesaid.

First hit is thought convenable that the said Reynolde shall have a secrete closed chambre, having a chymeney, & an House of Easement, within the Abbey aforesaid; where he may have sight to some Aulter to here masse, & that he passe not the said chambre. Item the said Reynolde to have but oon personne, that is sad & well disposed, to make his bedde & to make hym fyr, as hit shal nede. Item that the said
20 Reynold have no bookes to looke on, but oonly a Portuol, a Masse booke, a Saulter, a Legend, & a Bible. Item that he have nothing to write wyth, noe stuffe to write upon. Item that the said Reynolde have competent small [*sic*] according to his age & his necessitye shal require. Item that the said Reynold be served dayly of meat & drink as a Brother of the saide Abbey is served, when he is excused from the Freytour, & somewhat better, after as his disposition & raisonable appetit shal desire conveniently after the good discretion of th' abbot abovesaide.'

Forty pounds assigned to the said Abbey for his finding, &c. From Collect. H. Wharton, vol. Y, p. 32, e libro formularum tempore Hen. VI
30 penes El. Ashmole. Copied by Jo. Anstis Esq., 'from whom' (says Mr. Baker) 'I had it.'

'I sent' (adds Mr. Baker), 'a Copy to Mr. Lewis, when he was upon R. Peacock's Life, but that Life being postponed for Wickliff's New Testament, now pretty far advanced, it will hardly be of use to him; I wish it may be of any to you.'

Feb. 23 (Tu.). When old Mr. W^m Joyner above-mentioned was just near expiring, he sung an hymn. He was a religious, retired man, and always very cheerful. Mr. Kymber used to tell me that the said Mr. Joyner spent a very great part of his time upon his knees, so that whenever they
40 peeped through the key-hole, where he lodged, they always found him in that posture.

Feb. 24 (Wed.). I have read Dr. Howarden's Book against Dr. Clarke with much Pleasure and Satisfaction. 'Tis concise, learned, and rational,

Feb. 22, 1739. S. Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 4. 86). Subscribes for *Hemingford*.

Feb. 23, 1739. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 82). Is glad H. likes the print of Julius Caesar. Does not know whether there is a perfect transcript of Domesday Book.

& the author (for whom I have a great honour) shews himself to be a man of exquisite judgment.

Feb. 25 (Thur.). Whethampstead's book in the Heralds' Office will furnish us with narratives of the battles of St. Alban's, as well as an account of Peacock, as I am told by Mr. Anstis, who formerly transcribed the things about the battles for his own use.

In W^m Wirecestre is a French Letter, directed to Sir John Fastolf, about the same Battles. Mr. Anstis hath a Transcript of it. I saw it when I perused Wirecestre, but did not copy it, nor think fit to print it, expecting that Mr. Anstis would do it himself, with notes upon that part of it relating to Heralds.

Feb. 26 (Fri.). Mr. Thomas Bedford, son of the late Mr. Hilkieah Bedford, tells me from Burnhall near Durham, by Letter of the 21st, where he is at his Brother Smith's, that he hath made ready for the Press *Simeonis monachi Dunholmensis Liber de exordio atque procursu Dunhelm' ecclesiae.*

Feb. 27 (Sat.). Yesterday morning died Mr. John Keen, a Barber of 71 or more years of age, at his House in St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxford. He had been the best shaver in Oxford. [Buried Sunday night in St. Peter's churchyard, Feb. 28.] 20

Also yesterday morning died Mr. Charles Combes, a bookseller of Oxford. He lived in St. Marie's parish, but for about 3 weeks or a month he lived at his Aunt Boddeley's by Paradise Garden, viz. ever since his goods were seized. He was a young extravagant Fellow & run out his wife's fortune, a good one. His wife herself is also said to have been extravagant. She is a comely, jolly, young woman, being the Daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Juggins.¹ [Buried at St. Marie's, Sunday night, Feb. 28.]

Also, yesterday morning, was taken up dead by Boltslock Bridge, as we go to Botley, Mr. Vicaris, the youngest brother of, and Partner with, Mr. Vicaris of Oxford (viz. All Hallows parish) mercer. He was found in the shallow water just on the other side the Bridge, viz. on the right or north side of the first Arch beyond the Bridge, having fallen in but a little before he was taken up. 'Tis observed that he was disordered for about 5 days before. He was a single man, & so is his Brother (who was sometime since mayor of Oxford), & had the Character of being a civil young man. [NB. He was carried to Hethrop (where he was born, his Father having been minister of that place) to be buried on Monday, March 1st.]

Feb. 28 (Sun.). This Term, one Mr. Richard Good of Magd. Coll., who is nephew to Dr. Butler (President of that Coll. & Vice-Chancellor of Oxford), took the Degree of Doctor of Law. He is Register of the Vice-Chancellour's Court, succeeding Dr. Woodward in that Office.

¹ Note by Hearne at the end of the volume: 'Mrs. Combes was but 15 years old when she was married and is now at her husband's death but 22.'

March 1 (Mon.). The Congregation House of the Univ. of Oxford was built, by a certain old Scholar, long before St. Marie's Church was united & appropriated to Oriel College. Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury, gave fifty marks to Oriel College to resign their Right to it, and brought it so to pass that it should for ever belong to the University upon the Universitie's paying a yearly pension of one penny, if lawfully demanded. Br. Twyne, p. 314.

March 2 (Tu.). This day, being St. Cead's day, I sent back Hemingford's History, a MS. lent me by Mr. Anstis's means by the
10 Heralds' Office. It was put into Mr. Murray's hands for me, and I returned it to Mr. Murray (to be delivered to Mr. Anstis) in a Parcell of Copies of Caius I sent to Mr. Murray. I take the said MS. to be of the age of Hen. V. It breaks off abruptly anno 1297, as several other old MSS. of Hemingford do.

March 3 (Wed.). Mr. West bought Bradshaw's Translation of the Legend of St. Werburge in old English Verse at Warwick, where he also bought his MS. relating to Mancestre in Warwickshire, as I have been informed by Letter from Mr. Ward, dated at Barford near Warwick, Oct. 3, 1730.

20 Mr. West communicated both to me, what Mr. Ward designed to have done, had not Mr. West bought them out of his hands.

Wrote to-day to John Ivory Talbot, Esq., of Lacock near Chippenham in Wilts. In my edition of Neubrigensis, I said several Things relating to the Nunnery of Lacock. 'Tis very likely Mr. Talbot can give an account of many besides, especially since I suppose he hath many old writings that formerly belonged to it. It was a Nunnery of great note, and I should be glad to hear that either himself or any friend of his hath got the Chronicle of Lacock, in w^{ch} many particulars relating to the general History of England were entered. I know where this Chronicle
30 is said to be, but before I make enquiry there, I would fain learn whether it be also in any private friend's hands. 'Tis said to commence at the year 1320, so that it may have particulars about the latter part of Ed. II's reign, w^{ch} part is something dark, and wants more clearing than I have yet met with. But many things of that kind have been industriously destroyed, from w^{ch} (if they had been preserved) we might have accounted much better for the Transactions of the most melancholic part of that Reign, than we are now able to do.

March 4 (Thur.). On Saturday last, one Alice Knight, a comely,

March 2, 1739. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (*transcript*, Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. 88. 16). Sends him copies of *Caius*. Has read Dr. Howarden's book with pleasure.

March 2, 1739. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 54). Sends two copies of *Caius*.

March 2, 1739. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 279). Sends copies of *Caius*; also the MS. of Walter Hemingford.

March 3, 1739. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 12. 130) [*see* Diary, April 1].

March 4, 1739. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 297). Has received the parcel of books.

tight, young, single Woman, was delivered of a child in St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxon. She swore it, before the midwife would deliver her, to one Robert Winter, who lived as Gardiner some time agoe to Dr. Butler, President of Magd. College. One of the churchwardens and one of the Overseers rode that day, in the afternoon, to Henley upon Thames, where they heard Winter lived. There they found him, & by virtue of the Mayor of Henley's Warrant they apprehended him. The next day, being Sunday, they brought him to Oxford. On Monday, in the afternoon, she swore it to him again in his own presence before two Justices, who came to the place where she lay on purpose. Yesterday, 10 she (being brought in a chair, for she was not able to walk nor stand) and the said Winter were married in Edmund Hall Chappell by one Rock, a Bach. of Arts of Edm. Hall.

March 5 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, March 1:—

Leeds, Feb. 16. Wednesday last the Woolcombers, thirty in number, dressed in wigs, shoulder-belts, &c. of combed Wool, made a procession with the Town Musick playing before them in honour of Bishop Blaze, who is said to be the Inventor of Wool-combing. The Procession was preceded by one on Horseback, representing the said Bishop, with a book in one hand and 20 a comb in the other, whose Horse was led by two Boys dressed like the rest, and the whole made a very handsome appearance.

March 6 (Sat.). There are two parts of Whethamstead. One is in the Heralds' Office, the other in the Cotton Library. They are both written exactly in the same Characters. 'Tis pity these two books should be thus separated. That in the Heralds' Office is upon his second Prefecture.

Mr. Anstis thinks I ought to make some publick Complement to their Office, who, he says, will be ready to lend me any of their antient MSS., & he says there are good ones. I know not what he means by a publick 30 Complement.

Mr. Anstis knows nothing of any notes, either made by Mr. Hare to the Athenae, Oxon., or about the Copy in Mr. Murray's hands.

[Here is omitted an epitaph from Fyfield Church, on Mary (daughter of Francis White, Esq., who was heir and great nephew of Sir Thomas White, founder of St-John's College, Oxford); wife of John Gilman, S.T.P., rector of Creek in Northamptonshire; she died July 17, 1721, aged 37. Communicated by Mr Loveday.]

March 7 (Sun.). On Friday night last, being Mar. 5th, died of the small Pox, Mr. George Shephard, Fellow of Trinity College and Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum. He took the Degree of M.A. Dec. 2, 1712, 40

March 4, 1730. Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 205). Sends subscriptions for *Hemingford*.

March 4, 1730. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 240). Has received the books from Lord Oxford (i.e. copies of *Caius*).

March 6, 1730. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 308). Acknowledges the receipt of *Caius*.

March 6, 1730. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 205) [see Diary, March 25 and 26].

and that of B.D. Oct. 23, 1721. He was a man of no great Character, tho' he was a great Tutor in the College, and some cried him up for a great Mathematician, but others (who knew him well, for I knew him not so much as by sight) observed and said that he was a muddy-headed man, & had a very dark notion of things. He was buried in Magd. Parish Church, Oxford, last night.

March 8 (Mon.). From the Northampton Mercury for March 1 :

On Sunday, Feb. 21 last, died suddenly at Bath, the Rev. Dr. [Matt.] Smith, Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, and Head Master of Merchant
10 Taylors' School.

There is lately dead the Rev. Mr. John Smith, M.A. and Fellow of St. John's College in Oxford. He was elected the last year as Chaplain to the British Factory at Oporto in Portugal, a Post of as much Caution as Profit in a Country tyrannized over by the Inquisition to that Degree that our Factors could never obtain more than a Licence for publick Service in their Houses alternatively and that in the most secret Manner; yet this Gentleman by his Learning and inoffensive Conversation had charmed his Countrymen and the Natives so much in so short a Time that he was universally beloved, respected, and lamented.

20 NB. The said Character is very just. He was Junior Proctor of the Univ. of Oxon., anno 1727.

March 10 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for March 8 :

We hear from Bath that the Rev. Dr. Smith, late Head Master of Merchant Taylors' School, was lately interred in the Abbey Yard there, in a very private and decent manner, according to his Order by his last Will, by which he has given the largest Part of his Fortune among his Relations, some small Legacies to Friends, and two hundred Pounds to St. John's College in Oxford, towards a Fund for Purchasing Advowsons to quicken the succession from the School, and as a gratefull Acknowledgment to the Founder for the benefit he
30 received from his Education and Support there, an example fit to be imitated, tho' very rarely it is, by such whose chief Support is a Founder's Bread, and are even obliged by their Oaths to some small Return when vested in Preferments.

March 11 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for March 8 :

There is lately married Thomas Prowse, of Axbridge in the County of Somerset, Esq., a Gentleman of plentiful Estate, and Grandson to Bishop Hooper, to Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, a young Lady of good Fortune and Merit, granddaughter [*sic*] to the late Archbishop of that name.

NB. The said Mr. Prowse was lately Gentleman Commoner of Christ-

March 9, 1730. M. Folkes, of Queen's Sq. by Ormond Street, to H. (Rawl. 5. 82). Tho' a stranger to H. he writes about a passage in his last book in which he states that maps were made in the time of Roger Bacon. [See Diary, March 15, 16, 18.]

March 11, 1730. T. Carte at Mr. Hughes', stationer, in Inner Temple Lane, to H. (Rawl. 4. 33). Writes that he has left Mr. Buckley's and is now at No. 5 King's Bench Walks, but books are to be sent to Mr. Hughes's. Has received *Gaius*; subscribes for *Hemingford*; hopes to visit Oxford in the summer.

Church. His mother (who is sister to the late B^p Hooper) is a Woman of great parts and sense in our English Antiquities.

March 12 (Fri.). Camden, speaking (p. 718, fol. ed.) of Ptolemy's producing the coast of Scotland to the East, hath these words: *quo nomine Rogerus Baconus in sua Geographia illum olim nominavit.*

Among other things that Roger Bacon wrote of, ought to be reckoned *Descriptiones locorum mundi & his Cosmographia.*

In Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Library, Oxon., no. 1615. 148, *R. Baconis Grammatica Graeca circa annum 1252 conscripta. Fol. membr.*

He also wrote *de situ orbis*. In some MSS. Sir John Maundevile goes 10 with Bacon.

Dr. Gale had a great many of Roger Bacon's works. I know not what. See printed Catalogue, p. 191.

I formerly often perused many MSS. of Roger Bacon, and then 'twas I formed my *Notitia* of his skill in Geographical affairs, and 'twas upon that *Notitia* I grounded what I have said in short at the beginning of Caius; but where 'tis, in such a great variety of his MSS., that his *Geographia* may now be seen, I cannot recollect; tho' I do remember that I have seen such a Book. I had then access to MSS. of his that I have no access to now; but had B^p Fell lived, his works that are in 20 being would all have been printed, & then might have been expected his Geography among the rest, as well as his Cosmography. That B^p and some others thought it would have been an honour to our Oxford Press, as well as to the University, of w^{ch} Roger Bacon was a Member, to have that great man's works collected together & printed here at the Theater. But now no one talks of it, tho' I do remember that Dr. John Mill, he that printed the Greek Testament, was very zealous to have such a work undertaken. And I must needs say that I wish some one or more would still set in good earnest about it. And, indeed, I think 'twould highly become our University to do it at their own Expense. 30

March 13 (Sat.). I must remember to tell Martin Folkes, Esq., of an old map of Oxford done on wood long before that on Copper in Q. Elizabeth's time. I could never see such a one, but I have been told more than once that Mr. Ant. à Wood had it, and Mr. Thomas Myn, the joyner, often told me that he had also several times seen such a one after Mr. Wood's death, but that care not being taken thereof, it was destroyed.

March 13, 1739. Sam. Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 112). Has received *Caius*; wishes to subscribe for *Hemingford*.

March 13, 1739. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 76). Has received a parcel from H. safely.

March 13, 1739. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 35). 'What you say is very true. It has been said there have been 30,000 scholars in the University of Oxford, & I should be willing to believe it, could I find room for them. In an account of the number of Inhabitants in the town of Cambridge as given in to the B^p of Ely (by order) July 17, 1728, the summe total amounts to 6008. And the number of students &c. may be near the same as with you, not so many. And yet I have been told that Adam (author of the *Index Villaris*) by computing the number of chimneys, found there were more at Cambridge than at Oxford. And I am fully satisfied both Towns are now more populous

I have made mention of the said old map of Oxford in pag. 410 of Textus Roffensis.

March 14 (Sun.). On Friday last was a Vestry held in the back Church Yard of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, for making a Tax, not for the poor, but only for one of the Overseers, old Mr. Cob, & it may be one or two more, to get them paid some money ^{wh} they pretend to be out of Pocket for the Parish. It was in the Church Yard, because the Churchwardens (particularly Mr. Richard Johnson) would not let the Church doors be opened to have it there, alledging that such a Tax was
10 to the prejudice & burthen of the Parish & not at all for the good of the poor.

March 15 (Mon.). Martin Folkes, Esq., hath been for some time inquisitive about the antiquity of the Geographical maps of our Island.

Roger Bacon was one of the improvers of our Geography in that particular.

In my preface to Leland's Itinerary I have mentioned an antient map of Scotland in a MS. of Hardyng's Chronicle, wherein I observe that two or three towns fill the page. I mention the same MS. in my Index to Spelman's Life of K. Alfred. Mr. Folkes takes that map to be the oldest to
20 be met with. I have heard Mr. Llyud talk of MSS. of Gyraldus Cambrensis with odd sort of maps, ^{wh}ch, if true, must be older than Hardyng.

March 16 (Tu.). Four or five years since, the following Pieces of Sir W^m Dugdale were sold at these Prices in an Auction :

	Monasticon Anglic.	.	.	.	.	15	15	0
	Baronage	.	.	.	.	6	6	0
	Drayning the Fenns	.	.	.	.	7	7	0
	Summons to Parl.	.	.	.	.	2	2	0
	Warwickshire	.	.	.	.	5	5	0
	Origines Juridiciales	.	.	.	.	3	3	0
30	Hist. of the late Troubles	.	.	.	.		10	6
						40	8	6

It may be observed with pleasure¹ that in the Map of Utopia before the first Edition of that book in 1518, there are but two or three towns,

than they were some hundred years ago. Dublin has been supposed to contain more people than any town in England except London, and yet the number has been computed at 30,000. Whoever goes into this opinion must suppose the suburbs of Oxford to have been twice or thrice as large as the city.

March 15, 173†. Nicholas Corsellis at Little Chelsea to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 243). Asks that in future his books may be sent to Dr. Rawlinson.

March 15, 173†. H. to Carte (Carte MS. 227. 186). Acknowledges subscription money from Carte and the Marquis d'Aubais for *Hemingford*.

¹ Mr. Folkes in his Letter says : 'I have observed with pleasure that in the Map, &c. ;' Hearne transcribes the letter into the Diary, but 'with pleasure' becomes unmeaning. The same explanation is to be given of other awkward phrases. See Diary, Nov. 23, 1730.—Ed.

which, tho' an imaginary country, was doubtless made in the taste of such maps as the Author had seen. But a map of England, even of that date, is what Mr. Folkes could never meet with, and from Leland's promise to K. Hen. VIII of such a map in his new Year's gift, he should conclude there was then either none or at least none worth speaking of.

Pitseus and Baleus both ascribe a map of Great Britain to George Lilius, and the former with great commendations about 1550, but that Mr. Folkes hath never been able to see, tho' he is apt to suspect it to be the map of the Island copied in Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.

March 17 (Wed.). A note relating to Mr. Cherry's MSS. :

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On Aug. 8, 1722, I had some Conversation with Madam Cherry, relict of my best friend Mr. Francis Cherry. She happened to be then in Oxford, and had a great desire of seeing me, who accordingly waited upon her. Our Discourse was about Mr. Cherry's MSS., some of which I had taken a Catalogue of in Mr. Cherry's Life time, viz. of such as Mr. Cherry intended to put into my hands. She asked me when 'twas I took the said Catalogue. I could not then exactly tell; but upon my return home, I consulted my Books and found that 'twas in Nov. 1712. Upon which I sent the following Memorandum into the Country, inclosed in a Letter to Mrs. Dodwell, with a Request that she would be pleased to communicate the Memorandum to Madam Cherry.

' A Memorandum for Madam Cherry.

' Nov. 1, 1711, Thursday. I went over to Shottesbrooke, staid there 'some days, and took a Catalogue of Mr. Dodwell's printed books.

' Dec. 19, 1711. Mr. Cherry writes to me thus ¹: *She [Mrs. Dodwell] 'is very willing that we should peruse and take a Catalogue of the MSS. [of 'Mr. Dodwell], and I have purposely put off all Business and Engagements 'that I may have leisure to attend you. We therefore desire that you would 'come as soon as you are at liberty, that you may have time to catalogue Mr. 'Dodwell's MSS. and those few which I have, which I then design to put 'into your hands.*

' April, 1712. Mr. Cherry troubled by Dr. Kennett.

' Nov. 1, Saturday, I went over to Shottesbrooke, where I looked 'over and took a Catalogue of Mr. Dodwell's MSS. When I had done 'that I looked over and took a Catalogue of some ² of Mr. Cherry's MSS.,

c. **March 17, 1730.** John Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 93). Sends the MS. of John de Whethamsted. 'Our town here swarms with auctions and the books in general sell well.'

¹ 'In a Letter of his I have now (Jan. 21, 1729) by me, and which I shewed to Madam Cherry soon after Mr. Cherry's death, viz. on Dec. 28, 1713, and to Mrs. Dodwell and to Madam Cherry's daughters.' Note by Hearne.

² 'The rest were not catalogued by me, because being for the most part of a private nature Mr. Cherry designed to concert other measures about them. And for those that were catalogued he never had the least design that they should be put in the Bodleian Library, well knowing that the chief of them were nothing but copies from the Originals in the said Library. And this even Madam Cherry herself also observed to me on Aug. 8, 1722, tho' she acted otherwise afterwards, being influenced by the weak Advice that had been given her by Mr. Samuel Parker. At the same time I put her in mind of Mr. Cherry's design that they should fall into my hands; but instead of

- ' being of such only as Mr. Cherry designed to put into my hands. But
 ' I took no copy of this Catalogue, but left it with Mr. Cherry, who said
 ' to me to this Effect : *These MSS., Tom, I will put into your hands, but*
' you must seal them up and write upon them, whence you had them, that if
' you die first I may have them again, but if I die first they are your own.
 ' I promised to observe his directions ; and 'twas at this time, after
 ' Dinner, when he and I were talking together about Epitaphs by our
 ' selves that he mentioned these Words *Hic jacet peccatorum maximus,*
 ' which proved afterwards to be his own Epitaph.
- 10 ' Sept. 23, 1713, Wednesday morning, Mr. Cherry died [suddenly],
 ' before the MSS. were conveyed to me. Nor have I ever seen them since
 ' I took the Catalogue.

' Aug. 10, 1722.

Tho. Hearne.'

March 18 (Thur.). To ask Mr. Baker who was the Author of
A Pattern for young Students in the University, set forth in the Life of Mr.
Ambrose Bonwicke, sometime Scholar of S^t. John's College in Cambridge,
 London, 1729, 12°. He was born Sept. 30, 1691. He died May 5,
 1714, aetat. 23.

- The first map of England Mr. Folkes hath seen is Humph. Lhuyd's,
 20 copied in Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, and dated 1573, tho' he
 seems to say in his Catalogue of Authors at the beginning that it was
 done in 1569. This was probably the map Holinshed refers to, when he
 speaks of the best Charts¹ then extant, since a remarkable particular

listening to that she said she must sell Mr. Cherrys MSS. in order to make better
 provision for her daughters. Whereupon I offered to become a Purchaser myself, to
 which she replied nothing. When I found she was resolved to dispose of them
 otherwise than Mr. Cherry designed, I begged that she would either return or else
 destroy every Thing in MS. of which I was Author, that happened to be preserved
 among Mr. Cherry's Books and Papers. She thought this request very reasonable and
 promised to gratify me (w^{ch} in reality was nothing but the Renewal of a solemn
 promise she had made to me at Shottesbrooke on Mond., Dec. 28, 1713, at which time
 she added that my Papers were all secured, that no one should see them and that
 they should not be turned to my prejudice or disadvantage). Accordingly she returned
 me many Letters, which were delivered to me Jan. 11 the same year, 1722, but it
 seems she did not return me all ; particularly a MS. about the Oath of Allegiance
 (which all are obliged to take, that take Degrees regularly in our Universities),
 written, by way of Letter to no particular person by name, in the year 1700, before the
 Oath of Allegiance was clogged with the Oath of Abjuration. This MS., of w^{ch}
 I have no copy, I only lent, but never gave either to Mr. Cherry or any one else ;
 and I am so far from parting with my right to it, that I claim it as mine and I look
 upon the detaining of it from me not only as a hardship but a great injustice. But
 now whereas it hath been given out that not only my own MS., but such likewise
 of Mr. Cherry's as were designed by him for me, were given by his widow's will to the
 Bodleian Library, to shew how ill grounded that Report is, may be consulted her
 will, which occurs at large in one of these Books, and in w^{ch} there is not the least
 notice of the MSS. This I note the rather, because it had been industriously given
 out (and I also believed it myself) that there was a Clause in the will relating to them.
 Indeed I have been told of a bye-Order by Madame Cherry for disposing of them as
 they are done, but when I came to inquire after that bye-Order, it was answered that
 it was burnt soon after her death ; so that I should question whether there ever were
 any such Order, had not I been assured of it by a Clergyman, whom I know and
 respect.' Note by Hearne ; but the last five words were deleted by him.

¹ MS. :—Chards.

agrees with it, viz. that Newberry, Warwick, and Skipton are in a right line, ^{wh} they are not in the map of the whole Island in Ortelius above-mentioned. This Map has been very little altered since, but generally copied, first by Saxton, and then by all who came since. Mr. Bagford, in his letter to me, indeed speaks of a sort of Coasting map, printed long before by Wynkyn de Woord in 1520; which, as Mr. Folkes hath never seen, he can form no Idea of. I have seen it many years since in the Museum Ashm., being shewed me by Mr. Whiteside, but (as I remember) it was not numbered nor marked as belonging to the Museum, & I think it consisted of several leaves or parts, & Mr. Whiteside (as I did) looked ¹⁰ upon it as a wonderfull Curiosity, but he did not presently apprehend what it should be, so I referred him to Mr. Bagford's Letter.

To ask Mr. Baker of Cambridge, whether there be any older Table or map or Sketch of Cambridge than that engraved & printed & published in Q. Elizabeth's time.

March 19 (Fri.). Ptolemy was first printed with maps in 1462. Quære whether there be any sort of maps in any of the MSS. of him. I remember none.

The first Edition of Munster's Cosmography, tho' it hath maps in the beginning of some countrys, hath none of England, only a small one in ²⁰ the page at the beginning of the description, with only three towns, and very barbarous, and by the production of the eastern Coast, Scotland seems a sketch after Ptolemy only.

March 20 (Sat.). The Rev. Mr. Edward Acton, Rector of Bentworth in Hampshire, tells me by Letter of the 15th of last month, that he is afraid Mr. Hinton's Collections are lost. His Executor, Mr. Stanley, Rector of Middleton-Cheyney, near Banbury, and the said Mr. Acton lookt over his Papers, and had they met with any thing of that nature, Mr. Acton would have preserved it, or should he hear that he had lent them to any one, he says he will endeavour to get possession of them on ³⁰ purpose to shew his readiness to serve me.

March 21 (Sun.). Yesterday I received by Godfrey, the Waggoner, *Joannis de Whethamstede Prelatura secunda*, being the same MS. that is marked in the printed Catalogue 3280. 381. 'Tis lent me by the Heralds' Office, and I immediately wrote a Letter to Mr. Murray (to whom 'twas delivered by the care of Mr. Anstis to be transmitted to me) signifying that I had received it, and I promised to take great care of it, as also of the loose Leaves in it, and to return it faithfully. It is a noble folio in Vellom, and in it is an account of Peacock's Errors and his recantation, as also of the two Battles of St. Alban's, and of some other Historical ⁴⁰ Things relating to the General History of England, ^{wh} I must consider, but as for the History of the Abbats in it, it is of too private or particular a nature to be regarded, I believe, by me.

Mar. 20, 1739. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 280). Has received the MS. of Whethamstede's *Prelatura*. Is sorry M. has been ill.

March 23 (Tu.). Yesterday,¹ died Mr. Humphreys, a young Master of Arts of University College, occasioned by a great Cough, wch 'tis thought broke a vein. He was looked upon as an ingenious man. [Buried in the Chappel vestry, Wed., Mar. 24.]

Yesterday morning, was found dead in a ditch on this side of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, near Oxford, Thomas Robinson, one of the Alms men of the said Hospital, a man upwards of three score. He had been in St. Clement's on Sunday night, Mar. 21, & was going on foot home about 9 or 10 Clock at night in liquor, but falling into the ditch,
 10 wch was very muddy & had water in it about three quarters of a yard in depth, he lost his Life. [He was 65 years old. Buried in Bartholomew's Chappel this Afternoon.]

March 24 (Wed.). Dr. Mead, in a Letter to me from Ormond Street of Feb. 23 last, tells me he does not know whether or no there is any perfect Transcript of Domesday Book. He says when he hath an opportunity, he shall enquire about that matter.

To ask Mr. Baker what he knows on that point, tho' I think (I am not sure) I asked him formerly.

March 25 (Thur.). Lord Oxford, in his Letter of the 6th, tells me he
 20 received his *Rastell's Chronicle* that I had lent him² safe.

He lent me at the same time³ *The foundation of the Alms House of Ewelme*, an ancient MS. written, as I take it, at the time of the Foundation temp. Hen. VI. It was delivered to me on Monday, Mar. 8, 1730, by his nephew Robert Hay, Esq. of X^t Ch.

March 26 (Fri.). Lord Oxford in the same Letter told me I should have a short List of our Chronicles & Historians not yet publisht that are in the Harleian Library.

In the same Letter he said he would send me the next week some account of those MSS. Mr. Wanley had thoughts of publishing. NB. I have
 30 not as yet received any such account; yet, as I said, my Lord's Letter bears date March 6, 1730, from Dover Street, Westminster.

I am told that Mr. Humphreys above mentioned was the youngest of 7 sons, and that he, as well as the rest, are all dead of Consumptions. I think they were of Herefordshire.

March 27 (Sat.). I once thought Mr. Francis Cherry went from Bray School to Eaton School, but he did not.

Mr. Cherry's Master at Bray School was Mr. John King of Exeter College.

The said Mr. John King was only Bach. of Arts, when he first became
 40 Master of Bray School. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member

¹ Note by Hearne at the end of the Volume: 'Sister Anne came by Waggon to Oxford Tuesday night, Mar. 23; lay at Eagle & Child. Dean came to Town next day a little after 12 at noon. Both lay that night at Eagle & Child. They went away next morn. He on his horse, she by flying Coach.' The *Eagle & Child* was 46 & 47 High Street; see *Cart. of the Hosp. of St. John*, i. 315 (O.H.S.).

² Hearne must mean 'that he had lent me'.—Ed.

³ i. e. on Mar. 6, when he wrote.—Ed.

of Exeter College, Feb. 12, 1680. He is still living, viz. at Chelsey. He is Dr. of Div. Quaere when and where he took it.

Mr. King was a good Schoolmaster & a strict Disciplinarian. He was, and so he is still, a lusty, rawboned man.

He hath a son that was of Eaton School, and afterwards Fellow of King's College in Cambridge. This son is a Dr. of Physick, I think. He is a lusty, strong man, and used to be called at Cambridge *King of Kings*. Ask Mr. Baker about him & what he hath published.

When Dr. King was Schoolmaster at Bray, he would now and then preach at White Waltham. I was then a little boy, yet remember that 10 his sermons were solid, & so they were characterized.

March 28 (Sun.). In Whethamstede's second *Praefectura* there are many things relating to the General History of this Kingdom, wch may therefore be proper to be made publick use of, but the rest are minute particulars relating to the Abbey of St. Alban's, wch may be therefore omitted very well.

March 29 (Mon.). Peter Le Neve's Collection (I mean the Auction thereof) ended selling last week. Mr. West was a considerable Purchaser, not without a view (he says) of communicating any thing to me. He got most of his Deeds & Charters to himself, and bought the four Registers 20 for Lord Oxford. Quaere what those Deeds and Charters are, & what the Registers. I believe the greatest part of Mr. Le Neve's MSS. was made up of modern Transcripts.

March 30 (Tu.). Mr. Collins's books, particularly the Pamphlets, sold well lately in London at the Auction of them.

Dr. Rawlinson hath met with a Composition between two Convents in 1242, wch (he says) will be cutt on copper and sent me.

I hear 'tis a *Breviarium* (not a *Missale*) in *usum Ecclesiae Hereford'*, that Mr. Wagstaffe has bought. It is esteemed a Rarity, but not equal 30 to the Missal.

Dr. Rawlinson hath met with an original Petition, signed by many of the Cantabrigians, designed to be presented to Will. III, for favour or forbearance to exact ought but a negative Oath.

March 31 (Wed.). Mr. Tho. Carte tells me in his Letter from London of March 11 last, that he sent Thuanus to the press last June, so that he is the Editor, tho' others are concerned in it.

On the 20th of this month I received that part of Whethamstede belonging to the Heralds' Office. In it is an account of Reg. Peacock's Errors and Recantation, & several Things besides relating in general to the History of England, but most of the Volume are particulars con- 40

March 28, 1731. West to H. (Rawl. 11. 170) [see Diary, March 29].

March 30, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 55). Has received subscriptions sent by R.; returns some pamphlets; complains that R. takes no notice of the sums his brother owed to H.

March 31, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 61) [see Diary, April 4, 9, 10, and 11, all taken from this letter].

cerning the Abbey, w^{ch} in a general History of England are not to be regarded. The first Part of the Work is in the Cotton Library (Otho B. iv). I wrote to Mr. Anstis today, to know whether there be in this first part also particulars that may be of use in the general History of England, abstracting from the Affairs of the Abbey, w^{ch} are not to be regarded.

April 1 (Thur.). Mr. John Worthington is so well pleased with what I have done in Caius, for the honour of the Protestant Nunnery of Little Gidding, as well as for the honour of his Father, Dr. John Worthington, ¹⁰ that he assures me of his willingness to be commanded by me upon any occasion that shall hereafter offer itself 'either in matters relating to my private Interest or to my Publick Agency'. *His Letter from London, Mar. 3, 1730.*

April 2 (Fri.). This day I wrote to Mr. George Ballard, of Campden in Gloucestershire, and desired to know whether either he, or his ingenious sister, had any adulterated or base money, either of Edward I, or of any of our Princes before Ed. I. Such Pieces must be Curiosities, because they are spoke of by our old Historians.

April 3 (Sat.). Last night, was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard in ²⁰ the East, Oxford, the old widow Oxlad of that Parish, who died last Wednesday, March 31, aged about ninety. Her Husband, Mr. Francis Oxlad, a Bookseller, died many years ago.

Yesterday morning, very early, was found dead in the Highway, upon his back, lying over a little Rill by Marston lane near Oxford, the body of another of the Almsmen of St. Bartholomew's, viz. old Cotton Day, a Cowper by Trade. He was Prior of that Hospital & was very old and infirm, and was in liquor the night before he was found dead. 'Tis supposed he dropped about nine Clock that night, and that he was not able to get up again. There is so very little water in the Rill, that it

April 1, 1731. Rev. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 3). Describes a visit to Little Gidding, where the family of Ferrar still resides, and showed him records of Nicholas Ferrar. 'We have a singular pattern of primitive Piety and devotion still in this County, one Mr. Soame, an ancient Nonjuring Clergyman, living in the parish of Catworth (of which he was formerly Incumbent, viz. before the Revolution) where, upon his Ejection, he built a Chapel at his own expense, in which he reads Prayers twice every day and preaches upon Sundays, and partakes of the Holy Communion, he with his small family, it is said twice [*sic*], at least once, every day.'

April 2, 1731. H. to Ballard (Ballard MS. 41. 9). Refers him to books where he will find an account of John Stowe. Asks if among his coins he has any of debased metal of Edw. I or earlier kings.

April 2, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 56). Wishes to know who Rev. Mr. Cock of Durham is? Le Neve's notes are so injudicious that they would 'damnify' his books rather than enhance their value.

April 3, 1731. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 114). Is unable to examine Whethamstead's MSS. in the Cotton Library, as his Lodgings in London are not fitted up, and 'I never go to London but upon businesse, and return as soon as that businesse is done. Mr. West called upon me this morning as he begun his journey to Norfolk.' [*See Diary, April 28.*]

could not have drowned him (as 'tis thought), he falling upon his back, had not his lying across it stopped the little Current, & so raised the water that at last it came over his face.

April 4 (Sun.). Mr. Baker, in his Letter of March 31, 1731, tells me he hath sent for me, by the Northampton Carrier, Bishop Peacock's book about the Rule of Faith, published by Mr. Wharton, done up with other Pamphletts w^{ch} he gives me, as also an Account of K. Charles I's escape or departure from Oxford, when besieged anno 1646, by Mich. Hudson, who attended him. Mr. Baker does not know his hand, but he believes it to be an Original; he is sure it is the same that was layd 10 before the House of Commons, when he was their Prisoner, & might he tell me whence he had it, he says I could have no doubt of its being authentic. He says, I may make what use of it I please; he dares answer for it, tho' it contains a piece of History (very curious) yet much in the dark. He hath an additionall account or Examination taken from him, but not being very considerable or very curious, or of use in History, he hath not troubled me with it.

April 5 (Mon.). A good while since Dr. Archer, Archdeacon of Wells, drew up and gave me an account of the Religious Houses in the Diocese of Bath & Wells, w^{ch} I shall print in Hemingsford's *Historia* 20 *Edwardi I* that I am now upon. He very lately sent me word, that before I put it to the Press, he shall send some additional Remarks, to be added in their proper places; but since that, he hath written to Mr. Tottenham, now in Oxford, to tell me that, having looked over his papers again, he can meet with nothing more of this nature worth sending to me. This Mr. Tottenham acquainted me with yesterday, sending me that part of the Letter by a servant, whom I met in High Street in the afternoon, but the servant said he was to carry it back again, w^{ch} he did.

April 7 (Wed.). I hear Dr. Jebb is about publishing Fryer Bacon's 30 works, w^{ch} he is very much encouraged in by Dr. Mead.

Dr. Rawlinson tells me, in his Letter from London of the 3rd inst., that the Right Rev. Mr. Spinckes's life is lately prefixed to his *Sick man*

April 6, 1731. H. to Mr. Daniel Dean, brick-maker, on Oldspur Heath, near Beaconsfield (Diaries 129. 126). 'I am glad you and my sister got home safe.' The first founders of Woburn steeple were John Godwyn and Pernel his wife, who both died April 17, 1488, and were buried in the north 'Isle' of the church, where their brass is. 'Who was the first founder of the Church I cannot yet find, and should therefore take it kindly, if you could at some time or other let me know what tradition there is, either in the Parish or in the neighbourhood, about the Founder. The Bishops of Lincoln had formerly a seat at Woburn, w^{ch} was afterwards the Lord Wharton's house. I do not know but the Awdelelts were benefactors to the church, one of which (namely Margaret Awdelelt) died Sept. 7, 1522, and is buried in the foresaid north Isle. In the same north Isle lyes buried another John Goodewyn with Edith his wife, which John died Oct. 6, 1463.'

April 7, 1731. George Ballard to H. (Rawl. 2. 3). Subscribes for Hemingsford. Hopes there will be an Appendix, 'since I know your Additions are more valued by curious Persons than the Authors themselves.' In his

visited, by the Rev. Mr. Blackbourne (formerly of Trinity College in Cambridge) but, in direct opposition to that good Prelate's son, filled it up, *famis non famae ergo*, with puerilities dressed up in bombast, unworthy his own or the character he writes. One was sent to the Dr. single, of w^{ch} he may hereafter give me a sight.

The Affairs of the Royal Society are now in such an unsettled State, occasioned by Parties, that Learning is not regarded among them, but Party and private Interest sway all, so that Things are deplorable.

April 8 (Thur.). I am told there is in the Archives of Magd. Coll. 10 Oxon., an account of Queen Elizabeth's Entertainment, who much loved gossiping and shewing herself. Even when old she mightily affected popularity, and even when turned sixty would fain be accounted very beautifull.

I hear one Mr. Mytton, of an ancient Family in Shropshire, has already made large collections, and still goes on towards the antiquities of that County, and he is represented as well qualified for the undertaking.

Dr. Wilkes, Fellow of Trinity Coll. Oxon., some few years since, told me he was writing the Antiquities of Shropshire, & had surveyed the County & designed a second Survey. But this Wilkes being often frantick, 20 I gave little heed to what he said on that head.

There were lately coined some halfpence with the letter R. omitted in *Georgius*. I have not yet observed one, but I am promised one, tho' the Government and their Emissaries begin to collect them at any rate.

April 9 (Fri.). I have not Henry I's Laws by me, but having been told that there is something in them relating to the depriving of Bishops, I got my friend Mr. Baker of Cambridge to inspect them, who tells me (Letter, Mar. 31st) that he hath run them over hastily, but hath not observed any thing concerning the depriving of Bishops, but he (as said) having constituted Bishops *per traditionem Baculi et Annuli* might possibly 30 have exercised as great a power in turning them out.

Mr. Baker knows of no Map of Cambridge older than that by Ric. Lyne 1574, taken by Archbishop Parker's order, extant in some few copies of the *Antiquitates Brit.* He knows of no entire Transcript of Domesday Book.

April 10 (Sat.). On Saturday last died Dr. Myles Stapylton at his Parsonage of Horspenden, alias Harding, near Henley in Oxfordshire,

collections of coins there is but one of debased metal before the time of Hen. VIII; it is a coin of Hen. III, which he sends to H. as a present. Hopes H. will give a cut of the Brass coin, which he takes to be of Carausius, though some call it a Runick coin.

April 7, 1731. Rev. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 7). Sends information about Nicholas Ferrar; also inscriptions from Lhan Badarn church in Cardigan.

April 9, 1731. H. to Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (*transcript*; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 17). Having had no acknowledgment of his last letters, H. suspects they may have miscarried. He has more information about Mr. Woodhead 'which however I decline transmitting, 'till I am satisfied that the last letters I sent came safe to you.'

April 10, 1731. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 277). Sends some old

formerly Fellow of All Souls College. He is the same that I have formerly mentioned in Vol. 127, p. 28. He was buried last night in the said Church.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, died of a strong fever Mr. Grey, a noted Joyner of Oxford, who had been a very great sportsman, and of great acquaintance with the Earl of Abbingdon and other Persons of distinction, aged near 70. I saw and talked with him on Friday, April 2 last, in High Street, when he was very well; but he fell ill on Monday following, being April 5th. [Buried in St. Mary's Church, Sunday night, April 11th.]

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April 11 (Sun.). *The Pattern for young Students, &c.*, was presented Mr. Baker of Cambridge fairly bound, but from what hand, or who is the Author, he does not surely know, only suspects it to be wrote by young Bowyer (son of the Printer), a very pretty youth, a Friend & acquaintance of Ambrose Bonwicke in St. John's College, Cambridge. This Ambrose Bonwicke had two younger brothers of that College, but both of them died before the Book was published, but a Friend of Mr. Baker's says it was ready for the Press before the death of the youngest, & supposeth him to have been the Author. If so, young Bowyer was only the Publisher.

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April 12 (Mon.). I have seen several little things, at least three or four, of Roger Bacon printed, but they are in Chymistry or Mathematicks, nothing in Geography, w^{ch} I presume was never printed. Neither do I know that his Tract *de fluxu et refluxu maris Britannici* was ever yet printed, w^{ch} some ascribe to Walter Burley.

In the *Chronicon Nurembergense*, published by Hartman Schedel, & printed by Koberger, anno 1493 (described by me in my Preface to Rob. of Gloucester), there is a map of Europe, or Germany & the parts adjacent; but tho' the Dimensions of England and Scotland are there given, yet it is in Blank, not filled up with Towns & Rivers, as in most 30 of the other parts of Europe, w^{ch} seems to imply that there was no map of Britain so early, nor did Mr. Baker ever meet with any. Nor can I remember any.

April 13 (Tu.). The Royal Society sinks every day in its credit, both at home and abroad, occasioned in some measure by its new Statutes for election of foreigners and natives, by posting up their names in the publick room for 10 weeks together, and perhaps at last with much difficulty electing them. 'Tis observable (what I have been told by one of the Fellows thereof) that this Society is now as much tinged with party principles as any publick body, and Whigg and Tory are 40 terms better known than the Naturalist, Mathematician or Antiquary.

April 14 (Wed.). Yesterday, Mr. Beckett of Abbingdon, the Chirurgeon, calling upon me, I asked him what he knew of the stone figure

writings with seals; also verses on 'one Eysler, a glass painter', founder of a Hospital at Warwick.

April 14, 1731. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 221). Has been busy attending the auctions of the books of Mr. Jett, Mr. Collins, and

of the V. Mary with our Saviour in her Arms, said to be lately digged up in some Gardens at Cullenham near Abbington, at w^{ch} time I was also told of the Foundations of old Buildings discovered in the same place. I guessed them to be the Remains of a Religious House, viz. of the Benedictine Nunnery, I was formerly informed to have been here. He said he had heard nothing of this matter, but would make Inquiry.

Mr. Beckett hath an excellent Collection of Books relating to Tobacco.

April 15 (Thur.). Peter Le Neve's collection sold for the most part
10 at a good price.

Dr. Rawlinson bought some of them, particularly those marked R. in a Catalogue I have.

There were only six seals in his whole Collection. These Dr. Rawlinson bought, and I am told 'twas indeed the best part. For amongst his whims there was large rubbish.

I am told he (Mr. Le Neve), or some one else for him, made no conscience of Robbery, and that even Bodley was plundered of part of the xivth volume of Dodsworth.

I am assured Mr. West laid out above 100 libs. among Peter le Neve's
20 MSS., and that he, indeed, and Lord Oxford, had the flower.

Mr. Ric. Roach was formerly fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, but expelled for Non-residence about 1700. Dr. Rawlinson hath found some papers of his of a surprizing nature. He had the character of being a learned, honest man, but (it seems) was of an unsettled head. After he was in Orders he followed the Bourignonists, Philadelphians, French

Mr. Le Neve. Le Neve changed his will because 'Mr. Anstis's son was preferred before him', and directed that his books and MSS. should be sold, whereas he had previously left them to the Heralds' Office. 'Your censure of the Author of the new Prolegomena [i. e. Wetstein] to the New Testament is very zealous, just & judicious.' In Le Neve's auction Mr. West and Mr. Bacon bought the 'collections consisting of small pieces of paper concerning Oxford and Cambridge'. Sends a sheet of paper in the handwriting of Abraham Woodhead.¹ 'Please to let me know where it was that I left off in giving you an account of what venerable Mr. Nicholson said of Mr. Woodhead. What is related by him as matters of fact may be of some value, but his own reflections on Mr. Woodhead's life and his puffed up Elogiums and comparisons of Mr. Woodhead with St. Austin and others of the primitive fathers cannot well be brought into his life. . . Among other MSS. which I bought at Le Neve's sale was an abstract of deeds with seals by Dodsworth; and Mr. Bacon, who bid against me, after I bought it told me that it was part of a MS. in the Yorkshire library at Oxford. I told him that if it was, they should have a copy of it whenever they desired one. It contains only nine leaves or 18 pages; the hand is small and words contracted, as is usually seen in old small deeds. The first page has two numbers; the lower is . . . 391, the other is 63 . . . I know not what Mr. Bacon means by the Yorkshire Library unless he means those many volumes which were collected by Dugdale and Dodsworth before the Civil Wars.'

April 14, 1731. Samuel Gale to H. (Rawl. 6. 60). Sends by Mr. Dobson the payment for *Caius*. Wishes to subscribe for the next book.

¹ Now Rawl. 27 B, 223.

Prophets, and, as far as can be guessed, dyed a Millenarian. Among the said papers are Letters from learned men in the Latin Tongue, from whence may be perceived when Dr. Blake, Dr. Knight, &c. were not averse to the Philadelphian notions; but as they have seen their error, Dr. Rawlinson hath some thought of committing them to the flames.

April 16 (Good Friday). Mr. Creyk (I am told) has a legacy of 750 librs., and in trust for the Nonjuring Clergy 1,000 librs. from Mr. Pyncorn, a maiden lady of Devonshire.

From a MS. in the hands of W^m Bedford, Esq., formerly belonging to his Right Rev. Father, Mr. Hilkiah Bedford, was transcribed as follows:—

Memorandum that Jan. 12, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ the Rev. Mr. Cock of Durham (to whom I had been referred for a passage relating to my Lord Chancellor Clarendon's giving King Charles II, upon his restauration, that pernicious advice to prefer his enemies and neglect his friends, since their principles would secure them to him) gave me this account of that passage, viz., that he being at his kinsman's Sir Ralph Cole's [at Branspeth] about the time that my Lord Chancellor Clarendon was disgraced, Sir Henry Brabant of Newcastle came thither in his way from London, and told Sir Ralph and him this passage, that he (Sir Henry Brabant) having been to wait upon my Lord Clarendon just after his disgrace, his Lordship, after telling him how kindly he took that piece of friendship, expressed himself to this effect, that there were grievous things laid against him, but he could bear up against all the rest, if his Majesty would forgive him but one thing, which was that he was the person that had advised him to prefer his enemies and neglect his friends, adding that he took that for the cause of his own ruine, and wished it might not occasion that of many others and at last the King's too. Mr. Cock added that himself had made a memorandum of this.

H. Bedford.

This is a faithful Copy from my father's own handwriting, Mar. 9, 1730 $\frac{9}{11}$, by 30 me, W^m Bedford.

NB. I translated it from a Copy sent me in a Letter by Dr. Rawlinson from London, Mar. 29, 1731.

April 16, 1731. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (*transcript*; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 18). Thanks for the little piece of paper, which H. believes to be in the hand of Abraham Woodhead. The following letter by Mr. Woodhead to Dr. Sheldon is in Dr. Tanner's possession. 'Sir, I have, according to your good leave, taken leasure in returning you the remainder of my debt. 'Tis now paid (five pounds) to your nephew at the Golden Key. As for that your great charity to me in my necessities, I hope God will repay you. Mr. Walker, who was lately in good health in Paris (I think not far from Sir G. Radcliff's lodgings) presents his humble service to you. I and many more should be very happy in your removal nearer us, if your conveniences might stand with the benefit of your friends. Meanwhile, Sir, let me beg the help and charity of your prayers; your very much obliged & obedient servant, A. Woodhead. Dec. 2, Haddham Hall.' Dr. Tanner guesses it was written in 1657 or 1658. Dr. Tanner has nothing about the authorship of *The Whole Duty of Man* except a letter from Tim Garthwait, the bookseller, to Dr. Sheldon: 'I make bold to send you a little new book: viz. *The Gentleman's Calling*. I have, I think, now in some sort obeyed you, for you bad me get the author of *The Whole Duty of Man* to come to the press again,

April 17 (Sat.). The following was found in the handwriting of the late Rev. Dr. Moss, Dean of Ely, in his Copy of Burnett's History of his life and times:

Monitum Lectori | Quomodo legenda sit BURNETTI historia sui temporis | Et pro vera admittenda | Leguntur Hebraeae verso ordine literae | Cancrique serpunt in contrarium gradum; | Tenella virgo, si quem amet perditæ, | Ea est protervitas, fugit tanquam oderit; | Quemque odit Aulicus, tanta est urbanitas, | amore abundans quasi studiosus colit; | Ut Hebraea legi, cancos ut gradi, vides | Suam Burnettus ipse
10 veram dixerit |

The said note was likewise sent me at the same time by Dr. Rawlinson.

April 18 (Easter Sunday). On Wednesday last, at the Delegates' Room, the V. Chancellor & two Proctors met & chose a Keeper of the Ashm. Museum, viz. Mr. John Andrews, M.A., Fellow of Magd. Coll., & Senior Proctor of the University. The Vice-Chancellor and the other Proctor (viz. Mr. Tho. Robinson of Merton College) were both for Mr. Andrews, who likewise voted for himself. There are six Votes in all by virtue of Mr. Ashmole's Statutes, ^{wh} say: *I ordaine that the Vice-chancellor for the tyme being, the Deane of Christ Church, the Principal of*
20 *Brazenose, the King's Professor in Phisick, and the two Proctors, or their Deputies, be Visitors of the said Museum. And afterwards, And in case of Vacancies after my decease, I ordaine that then the nomination & disposall of the Keepership shall be in my widdow during her lyfe, and after her decease in the foresaid Visitors or the Major part of them.*

It must be noticed that the Dean of X^t Church and the Regius Professor of Physick were absent, being out of Town, at the time of Electing. Neither was Dr. Shippen (who is principal of Brazenose) at it, tho' he had notice. Neither, if they had all three been present, either by themselves or deputies, would it have been of moment to have turned the
30 Election, because the Vicechancellor would have insisted upon a casting vote.

It was expected at London, and by the most understanding men of the Univ., and much wished too, that Mr. Bradley, Savilian Professor of Astronomy, should have had this Post, he being a Person every way qualified with respect to his skill in Mathematicks (tho' he be no Antiquary), & being a man that performs Courses of Experiments at the Museum in the great lower Room, he having purchased Mr. Whiteside's Instruments. But the V. Chancellor was altogether against him, as was Mr. Andrews, and tho' Mr. Robinson was for him, yet the other three

and you would be sure to know him then, and now you have him; you will find your friend Dr. Henchman's epistle before it. T. Garthwait, Nov. 7, 1659.' H. often used to study the Dodsworth MSS.; he does not remember that a part had been cut out of any. Wishes to know in what year Mr. Woodhead became Catholick.

April 17, 1731. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 85). See Diary, April 23.

April 17, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 38). Sends a transcript of 'the examination of Robert Barham, innholder of Sandwich, taken June 9, 1646,' about the attempt of Hudson to escape from England [see also Diary, May 5].

Electors being as was said, & believed, for Mr. George Huddesford of Trin. Coll., Robinson, when he saw he could do no good for Bradley, came over to Andrews, & so he was declared by the Vice Chancellor elected, & he was put in possession of the place by the Vice Chancellor yesterday, in the Forenoon.

The said Andrews is a personable, handsome man, & very good natured, but (alas!) is no scholar & understands nothing in the least of Natural History, Mathematicks and Antiquities. Indeed, as to skill he is altogether unqualified. So that the Vice Chancellor has brought upon himself great odium & disgrace in being for such a man, when he might 10 have brought in a man of skill, viz. Mr. Bradley, or at least one of his own House, namely, either Mr. James Fynes or Mr. Zinzan, who are both Mathematicians, & indeed the former desired it, but it seems he is not of the Vice Chancellor's party in the College.

Indeed, one thing ought to be here noted, & that is that the Founder, without doubt, designed the Keeper should be a Layman & not a man in Holy Orders. Accordingly he put in a Layman, viz. Dr. Plot, and Dr. Plot's two immediate successors, viz. Mr. Lhuyd & Mr. Parry were Laymen. Then comes Mr. Whiteside, who was a Clergyman, ^{wh} was the only objection I ever thought should be made against him, he being 20 undoubtedly otherwise every way qualified. I used to say that shewing Knick Knacks and Trinkets was beneath the dignity of a Clergyman, & I was afraid that Mr. Whiteside's being elected would be a Precedent afterwards for other Clergymen to be chosen, and would be of ill Consequence, & so indeed it hath proved.

Another Thing ought likewise to be noted, and that is that 'tis my opinion that Mr. Ashmole never intended that the Visitors should vote for themselves, but that another person different from them ought to be chosen, otherwise the Vice Chancellour himself might probably get to be Keeper, ^{wh} considering the business consists so much in shewing 30 Knick Knacks, would diminish the Credit of the office of a Vice-Chancellour.

However, after all, the University in general seem glad that Andrews is in, for one reason, viz. not on account of his skill, but because Dr. Shippen (whom most call Ferguson, from his ambidexter way of acting, like one Ferguson, a famous Scottish man, that had always a double view) is hereby baffled, who had a design that the Election should be deferred 'till next Term, and then (there being to be a Proctor of his own House) he intended to have got either him, or some one of his (Shippen's) 40 own kidney, Keeper.

April 19 (Mon.). Dr. Rawlinson hath lent me *A true Relation of some Passages which passed at Madrid in the year 1623 by Prince Charles, being then in Spain prosecuting the match with the Lady Infanta. As also several Observations of eleven ominous Presages, some of them hapning in the same year whilst the said Prince was in Spain, the rest of them hapned from that time untill his death. With a discovery of some of the wayes which the then Popish Bishops used to bring Popeire [sic] into this nation. By a lover of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the wellfare of this nation.* Printed at London, 1655, 4^o, in 20 pages.

April 20 (Tu.). The said little Pamphlett is a downright Libell, and bears so hard upon the Prince as to make him have a design to introduce Popery into England, for w^{ch} the author says that he promised to the Pope to hazard his life and all his Kingdomes, for the propagating of the Roman-Catholick Religion, and he says he continued firm in this opinion, tho' notwithstanding the Spaniards would not believe him. But 'tis so far from being true that, as I have signified in my Preface to *Vila Ricardi II*, he was neglected by the Spaniards, because he stood firm to the Protestant Religion.

- 10 **April 21 (Wed.).** The Author, whoever he was, of the said Pamphlett ascribes the original of K. Charles I's ruin to his neglect of searching and examining to the full the murder of Sr Thomas Overbury, w^{ch}, however, I fear is also false ; at least, coming from such a Writer, the story is liable to Suspicion. His words are :

[Quotation omitted.¹]

April 22 (Thur.).

'The grievous sigh & lamentation of a frend uppon the late death of the Right honorable the Lord Gray of Wilton.'

[Then follows a poem of 72 lines on Arthur Grey, who died 1593, 20 beginning

'In mirth my muse that wonted was to strike the stringes of joye' and ending

'That she may live an aged Queen to Church and Country's bliss'].

April 23 (Fri.). On Wednesday last, in the afternoon, a Gentleman, unknown to me, desired to have a little Conversation with me, being at the Greyhound. I waited upon him in the afternoon. He had never been at Oxford before. I was with him about an hour. His name is Colvill. He is a Scottishman, and was educated at Edenbrough. A little lad of about 11 or 12 years of age was with him, who is a school-boy at Eaton, and Mr. Colvill is his Governour. Mr. Colvill seemed very 30 honest, and to have a great Love for History and Antiquity, and he told me that this boy is a dependent of the famous, religious & loyal Sir George Mackenzy's.

Quaere whether Alexander Nevyl's *Apologia ad Walliae Procere* (for some reflexions in his *Kettus* which they took ill) was ever printed ; if not, it will deserve my notice. I exspect it from Beaupré Bell, junior, Esq., of Beaupré Hall, near Wisbech in Norfolk, with some other Papers he designs to give me.

The said Mr. Bell hath long enquired after a little piece written by one 40 of his Ancestors (John de sancto Omero), a Defence of Norfolk in answer to a monk of Peterborough, in Latin Verse, mentioned by Bale, Pits, Sr H. Spelman in his *Icenia*, & several other Authors. I must enquire about it.

April 21, 1731. H. to Ballard (Ballard MS. 41. 5). Acknowledges the receipt of a crown 'which you advance by way of subscription to Hemingford ; but the whole is a Guinea, as you will find by this Advertisement'. Thanks for coins of Carausius and Hen. III ; hopes to speak of the former in *Hemingford*.

¹ See Catalogue of The Thomason Tracts in the British Museum, ii. 117.

To ask Mr. Baker whether he knows of an Archdeacon of Chichester anno 1459 by the name of John Spreueir.

Also whether he knows of an archdeacon of St. David's at that time by the name of Richard Rauton.

April 24 (Sat.). There are two copies of Walter Hemynghford in Trin. Coll. Library, Cambridge. The first, in an old hand, near the age of the Author, and wrote on Parchment, concludes thus—*juramentis firmanda, et Rex Franciae*. The title of the last Chapter is *Ordinatio Pape inter reges*. That Chapter is dated 'Anno Domini m cc xc septimo'. With these agree the MS. of the Heralds' Office & that in the Cotton 10 Library, as also Lord Oxford's & others, none of them coming lower; but then the other in Trin. Coll. Library^{wh} is in a modern hand ends at the year mccc xii, and from that I have copied to that year what is wanting in the MS. of the Heralds' Office and that of Lord Oxford, & I am now printing my Transcript. In this modern MS. of Trin. Coll. is Hemingford's *Chronicon Edwardi III* thus intitled, *Galterus Gisburnensis de gestis regis Edwardi III et ceteris eventibus*, ending at the year 1346. The year after, the Author is said or supposed to have died, & this is a confirmation of it. I did not copy this Chronicon because I have a transcript thereof from an older and better MS., viz. that in Magd. Coll. Library, 20 Oxford, written in or very near the time of the Author, ^{wh} however, in some places, I have compared with the said MS. of Trin., namely in such places as were dubious.

April 25 (Sun.). The MS. of Hemynghford in Bennett Coll. at Cambridge contains no more than the modern one in Trin. Coll. in that University. It is in a very bad hand and, as Dr. Stanley says in his Catalogue, is modern. But it hath not got the *Chronicon Edwardi III*.

Mr. Davison was presented by St. John's College, Cambridge, to the vicarage of Aldworth in Berks., where he was succeeded by Mr. Bowchier, Fellow of that College, upon the Bp of Sarum's title, *per lapsum*. 30 But that Vicarage belonged to the Nunnery of Bromhall, com. Berks., for I find: *Appropriatio ecclesiae de Aldworth priorissae et conventui mon. B. Margaretae de Bromhall, per Simonem episcopum Sarum, Kal. Sept. A. D. 1308*. Johanna Rawlins, late Prioress there, did, 13 Hen. VIII, Sept. 12, resign the said monastery or Priory into the hands of Ed., then Bp of Sarum; that there were only besides two Nuns, who had abandoned the House, &c.; and so the said Priory *totaliter dissoluta existit, &c., et quod predicta terrae, tenementa &c. ad dictum dominum Regem tanquam escaeta sua reverti debent, &c.* The House thus dissolved was given by King 40 Hen. VIII to St. John's College in part of a Compensation for what he had taken from the College, of the Foundress's endowments. Of Mr. Davison's transcribing the old Register of Aldworth, I know nothing; but Mr. Peareth now enjoys that Living, & the Rectory (if I well remem-

April 24, 1731. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 165). Has received Caius; owes five shillings for the binding. Asks if Wood's 'Prospect of Eynsham' has been engraved. Wishes Hearne's books were, as formerly, 'adorned with Sculptures. 'Tis a gratefull entertainment to the eye to see ruins &c.'

ber) being connext to the Vicarage makes it a good Preferment. It was not of the Gift of B^d Williams, having been in the College ever since the dissolution. *Mr. Baker's Letter to me from Cambridge, Nov. 5, 1730.*

I note these things the rather because they correct what I had some time since from Mr. Loveday.

April 26 (Mon.). The Easter Preachers before the University this year were Mr. Jones (commonly called Vinegar Jones) of X^t Ch. at [X^t]¹ Ch. on Good Friday; Mr. Cockman, master of Univ. Coll. on Easter day at St. Peter's in the East; Mr. Greenaway of Hart Hall on Easter Monday,
10 and Mr. Richard Grey of Lincoln College (he that wrote and published *Memoria Technica*) on Easter Tuesday; and yesterday, being Lowe Sunday, the said Mr. Grey repeated all the four sermons at St. Marie's and did it excellently well.

Memorandum that yesterday, being St. Mark's day, a Fellow of Magd. Coll. ought to have preached at Magd. Coll., & to have been nominated by the President, for w^{ch} 40s. of Simon Perrott's donation is allowed, but on account of the Repetition Sermons, it seems, it was dispensed with, & what becomes of the money now in this case I know not, unless the President hath it himself or one of the Fellows notwithstanding his not preaching,
20 or unless it be an agreement among the Society on such cases to divide it.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, preached before the University at St. Marie's, Dr. Will. Bridge, Fellow of St. John's Coll., and the Church was vastly crowded, being the first time he ever preached before the University, tho' he be of great standing, proceeding M.A., April 1, 1699. He is a man of particular behaviour & gesture, w^{ch} make several of his College, otherwise much his inferiors, to sneer and joke upon him, notwithstanding he be an humble, modest, virtuous man and an excellent Scholar, and a good Physitian, in w^{ch} he does privately (not for lucre) much
30 service, particularly to poor People, he having taken, before he was Bach. and Dr. of Div., the degree of Bach. of Phys.; I am told he made an excellent practical Sermon.

April 27 (Tu.). About the beginning of last week died, at London, Mr. Man of Kidlington, near Oxford, whither he had retired upon account of his wife, Hal Tyrrell, one of the daughters of the late Lady Tyrrell,

April 26, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 57). 'I have just seen proposals for printing a part of the works of Roger Bacon. The Editor (it seems) is Dr. Jebb. Pray of what University is he Dr.? I find you got some good things in the sale of Le Neve's Collection. . . Dr. Lee (so they called him, and often Rabbi Lee) of your College was once a great Bourignonist, but I think he happily relinquished those Principles and died a very honest man. Dr. Hayward of your College hath written his Life, but 'tis not yet printed that I know of. Mr. Oldisworth formerly perused it and wrote strictures on it, but what they are I know not. This Mr. Oldisworth is somewhere now in London, and was once of Hart Hall, but took no degree.'

April 27, 1731. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 305). *See Diary, May 2.*

¹ This word is not in Hearne.—Ed.

who proved a sad creature to him, keeping other men company, particularly a little priggish Frenchman in Oxford, who was her constant companion in many places, particularly when now very lately she would lye & stay a good while together at one Boddely's in King's Street, in the parish of St. Peter's in the East, where likewise her elder sister Mrs. Bell Tyrrell, who is married lately to a second husband, one Mr. Piggot, a very handsome good-natured young Gentleman of a great Estate, who was Gentleman Commoner of Wadham College, often resorts, and yet this Boddely is a married man and hath a wife and children living with him in Oxford. This Mr. Man was a Gentleman of a good Estate, perfectly 10 good-natured, and very handsome & personable, being rather more than six foot high, & 'tis thought his wife's [*sic*] Behaviour broke his heart, as Mr. Piggot is also much affected with the Indecencies of his own Wife.¹

April 28 (Wed.). Mr. Anstis formerly caused all the Historical passages to be transcribed from Whethamstede's Register in the Heralds' Office, w^{ch} are in a large folio collection with many other things & with a common Place book that he frequently useth.

Yesterday I wrote to Mr. Anstis to have an account particularly of the names & surnames of the persons killed at the Battles of Wakefield and Northampton, for w^{ch} Whethamstede refers in the Heralds' Office 20 Register to another Lesser Register, w^{ch} I take to be that w^{ch} is in the Cotton Library, w^{ch} Library, I am told, is now removed again to Westminster.

In the Cotton Library, I think, are other books of Whethamstede and, as I take it, one of them is of the lives of the philosophers in an alphabetical Order, and another of the Benefactors to St. Alban's.

April 29 (Thur.). Yesterday, at two Clock in the afternoon was a Convocation, when the Proctors for the last year, viz. Mr. Andrews of Magd. Coll. & Mr. Robinson of Merton Coll., laid down their office, and the Proctors for 1731 took place, viz. Mr. Oliver Battely of X^t Church 30 and Mr. Foxley of BrazenNose Coll.

The same day the Act was put off.

Mr. Anstis hath offered to take the pains of transcribing a correct copy of the old Instrument about Heralds, w^{ch} I printed in my *Curious Discourses* exactly as I found it in the MS. I used, but he says it was as faulty as what he printed from Elmham's Life of Hen. V, following Mr. Thynne, but from what book he took it he knows not.

Mr. Harbin, Mr. Anstis says, can certainly give me farther lights about Peacock than I have.

Mr. Harbin lent his Extracts from Gascoigne to Mr. Anstis, who 40 transcribed them.

There is something about Peacock in Budden's Life of Wainfleet.

April 30 (Fri.). The following Inscription is ordered to be put upon the new monument erected in Westminster Abbey in memory of S^r Isaac Newton.

[Inscription omitted.]

¹ A note by Hearne : 'NB. It is a false report of his being dead, tho' extreme ill'.

Sr Isaac was certainly a very great mathematician, but had little skill in other Things. He had no classical Learning. He had, as I have been well assured, little Religion, therefore could not be a good Interpreter of Scripture. He was little versed in Antiquity. His Chronology is exploded by the most orthodox and judicious Readers.

May 1 (Sat.). To enquire whether there be any thing in any Register of Chichester relating either to the Heterodox opinions or to the Deprivation of Reginald Peacock. Mr. Baker it may be, of Cambridge, is acquainted with some one that hath interest there.

May 2 (Sun.). On Thursday last, being Ap. 29, Mr. Andrews of Magd. Coll. and Mr. Robinson of Merton Coll., the two late Proctors, proceeded Bachelors of Div.

Mr. West (who lately saw Dr. Tanner at Norwich) tells me by Letter from the Inner Temple of Ap. 27 last, that the Dr. hath found a further Continuation of Ant. à Wood's Life, wch he doubts not he will communicate to me, as also a note of those bought for Lord Oxford.

Mr. West bought the Terrier of the Countess of Richmond's Lands, & presented it to Mr. Baker of Cambridge.

May 3 (Mon.). On Saturday night last I received from Mr. Robert New of the Middle Temple a collection of many MSS. and printed old Fragments in Vellum and Paper, wch Mr. New presents me, having procured them out of the sale of Mr. Pet. Le Neve's books. Mr. Le Neve, it seems, was curious this way. One of the Fragments is a piece of an old Roman History, but tho' on vellum is very dim. I could wish it had been of Trogus. Among them is an old fragment of an ancient MS. in Vellum, in wch was treated *de virtutibus sancti Martini*. Were this MS. about St. Martin now before me, probably I could gather from it some things which might be of use relating to St. Martin's, Oxford, mentioned often in our old Historians, though commonly called Quadrivium or Cairfax, by wch name of Quadrivium it occurs in the fragment I printed in Caius from Magd. Coll. MS.

May 4 (Tu.). Yesterday, in the afternoon, Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. set out with Mr. Crynes, Demy of the College, and one servant for Norfolk, Cambridge, &c.

April 26, 1731, Monday, Dr. Felton's servant Nan examined; April 27, Tuesday, at night carried out of the Hall; April 28, Wednesday, brought to bed of a daughter. [It died, and it was buried in Magdalen parish church yard, Sunday night, May 9th, 1731. She lay in the Friars Entry in Oxford, and, soon after, this whore was received again in Dr. Felton's Lodgings, viz. as soon as she was able to come out, wch was in about three weeks' time].

One Jacobus Serenius, preacher at the Swedish Church at London, hath printed Proposals for printing, in two Volumes 4^{to}, *Dictionarium*

May 4, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 40 and 41). A long transcript of Michael Hudson's account of the escape of the King from Oxford, dated June 12, 1646.

Anglo-Suethico-Latinum. He proposes to print only 500, at 20s. a copy. He designs in it to give some account of the original of the X^{tian} Religion in Sweden. The Swedish Chronicles make the X^{tian} Religion to be in Sweden from England by means of Sigfrid, archbishop of York, *regnante Ethelredo*, about 1014. I do not know of any such Archbishop of York then.

May 5 (Wed.). Mr. John King was Fellow of King's College, Art. Bac. 1718, Art. Mag. 1722. He was never M.D. (contrary to what was insinuated before) nor could be by his standing. He had published *Hecuba, Orestes, & Phoenissae* by Euripides, 2 vols. 8^{vo}, printed at Cam-¹⁰bridge anno 1726. He died at Stanford two or three years ago, having been married to a sister of Dr. Friend's Lady, to w^{ch} Dr. he dedicates his Book. Mr. Baker thinks he was *King of Kings* by way of Distinction from King of Pembroke. *Mr. Baker's Letter of April 17.*

Mr. Baker finds another John King, Coll. Exon., Oxford, incorporated at Cambridge anno 1697. The same year Rob. Clavering, Guil. Elstob, Tho. Cockman, all of University Coll., were incorporated there. The following year, 1698, John King of Cath. Hall, Cambridge, proceeds S.T.P. there. This Mr. Baker presumes (& so do I too) is the man I enquired after, that was Schoolmaster of Bray. Whether he be an²⁰ Author is more than Mr. Baker knows. Quære. He now lives at Chelsey.

May 6 (Thur.). In Rymer, vol. xi, p. 271, I find the Temporalities of the See of Chichester were restored to B^p Peacock anno 1450, but nothing concerning his Deprivation, nor do I find any thing in the year 1457, or in the Index. So I presume it must be in Reg. Stafford, w^{ch} in the Archbishop's great weakness Mr. Baker hath no opportunity of consulting. Nothing of it in *Antiq. Britanniae*.

May 7 (Fri.). Dr. Hickes, in pag. xxvii of his Preface to Thes. Ling. Sept., promises Tables of Humphrey Wanley's specimens of old hands in³⁰ order of Time, but of this there is nothing in any of the Copies I have seen, and yet I have a copy that was given me by Dr. Hickes himself.

I have often heard talk of this work of Mr. Wanley's, but I never heard that any one was very zealous to have it printed except Mr. Dodwell.

The last time I saw Mr. Wanley, I mentioned it to him. I think he said Lord Oxford had it. Mr. Wanley did not hint in the least that it was ever printed. As I take it, it is an imperfect thing, at least I am apt to imagine that 'tis not to be relied upon.

May 8 (Sat.). Mr. Richard Peers, minister of Faringdon in Berks.,⁴⁰ is son of the late Mr. Rich. Peers, Esq., Beadle of the Univ. of Oxon. He is an ingenious man and a good Preacher, but looked upon as proud. He hath printed several Things, and hath promised me some things relating to some historical Affairs in Faringdon.

To enquire after MSS. of Juliana Barnes's book of hunting, hawking, and Heraldry. Also to enquire after her book of fishing. Her Book of hunting, hawking, and Heraldry was translated into Latin. There are several Editions of the English Book. I think 'twas printed once at St. Alban's.

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[Pages 1-6 contain extracts from a Vellum MS. in folio, belonging to Mr. Ward, about a composition between the Rector of Tredington & the Prior of Worcester in 1299, and the appropriation of the Rectory to Westminster Abbey in 1508, and the ordaining of a vicarage.]

- 10 **May 9 (Sun.).** Mr. Murray, by Letter from London of the 5th, tells me that the last time he was at Sacomb, he looked over his Copy of Wood's Athenae, and found nothing in the MSS. Additions by Mr. Hare but some Heraldical notes confirming their arms.

May 10 (Mon.). Yesterday, died Mr. Richmond, of the Crown Tavern in Oxford, of a violent Feaver, occasioned by drinking Sider. He fell ill Thursday morning last. He died intestate without Children, leaving a widow. He was rich.

- Mr. West hath turned over Whethamstede's Register, Otho B. iv, in the Cotton Library, at my request, but finds not the least mention of any thing observable relating to our General History, nor any mention of either of the battles of Wakefield or Northampton, or of the persons concerned. The Description of this MS. in Dr. Smith's Catalogue is very just and full.

- In col. 1088, vol. ii of Ath. Oxon., ed. 2nd, is a large account of Dr. Lloyd, late Bp of Worcester, and in col. 1091 on that occasion, mention is made of one Thomas Harding, some time Fellow of St. John's Coll., Cambridge, who wrote several large volumes, particularly one of ecclesiastical History, w^{ch} book of ecclesiastical History coming into Lloyd's hands, it seems by the help of it he compiled a history of the
30 Church of England, w^{ch} he communicated to Bp Burnett, to whom it proved of great service in compiling the History of the Reformation.

May 11 (Tu.). Dr. Jenner, Margaret Professor of the Univ. of Oxford, preached before the University last Sunday morning at St. Marie's, but, I am told, 'twas but a poor sermon, and indeed he is looked upon to be but an indifferent Preacher and Composer, tho' he be a plausible Talker and aims very much at having the Character of a cunning man. It seems, therefore, that his Learning is only superficial.

May 10, 1731. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 282). Acknowledges the receipt of 8 guineas. 'A gentleman, personally unknown to me, hath given me some old Fragments he purchased out of the Collection of Mr. Le Neve, which prove of good service.'

May 11, 1731. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 116). See Diary, May 14.

May 11, 1731. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 84). Shows reasons for distrusting the story of the Pedlar of Swaffham, printed by Hearne. Describes the church of Swaffham and the windows containing the figures of John

This morning died Mrs. Stephens, wife of Mr. W^m Stephens, School-master of Magd. College. She was the Daughter of one Gardiner, a Tailor, who lived in the Gravel Walk, near Magd. College. She had been a handsome, brisk Woman, but she hath been a cripple for many years, having lost the use of her Limbs, but as she was proud, so she continued very proud to the last. She was about 50 years old, & left several children by her Husband, begot after she became lame. [She was buried in St. Peter's church yard, Wed. night, May 12.]

May 12 (Wed.). I have not long ago mentioned the death of Mr. Thomas Mason, of Lurgeshall near Bicester, in Oxfordshire, & 10 spoke of him as a litigious man, as indeed he was; but, since that, I am well assured that he was a very high Church Man and well affected to the Chevalier de St. George, & that he would frequently speak boldly, and express his desire of having him in England, but that he hath a son called Capt. Mason, a robust, strong, stout Man, who is of different Principles and very low.

To-day, died old Mr. Nicholas Cox, at the Hole in the Wall, in St. Thomas's parish in Oxford, where he had laid a pretty while, viz. about half a year or more. I have several times formerly mentioned him, as I have also the death of his wife, who lays buried in St. Peter's church 20 yard in the East, Oxford, of w^{ch} Mr. Cox was a Parishioner, having lived there many years. He was a Bookseller, had been manciple of Edmund Hall and St. John's College, and in the Trade of Bookselling had been once pretty eminent, especially in old Books. He was born anno 1649. [He was buried in St. Thomas's church yard, May 14.]

May 13 (Thur.). Remember to ask Mr. Inge whether any one be now engaged in the Antiquities of Staffordshire, in w^{ch} work Mr. Inge himself could be of great Assistance. Mr. Chetwynd's MS. would be of unspeakable service.

Ask Sr Thomas Sebright whether the name of the Place where, and 30 the year when, his Durandus's Rituale in Vellum [was printed]¹ be any where to be found in the Book, w^{ch} I have been told is a noble one.

Also to ask Mr. Baker, of Cambridge, whether there be any vellum copy of Durandus of an ancient Edition among B^p More's books.

Mr. Davis, formerly V. Principal of Hart Hall, & before that Demy of Magd. Coll., & now a Minister in Northamptonshire, wrote & published many years since *A sort of an Answer*, &c. (as I remember, against the

Chapman and Catharine his wife, the founders of part of the Church. They were evidently people of wealth. The figure of the pedlar does not mean that the founder was a pedlar, but is a *rebus* on the name Chapman.

May 13, 1731. R. Gale, at London, to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 310). Will send a guinea for *Hemingford* by Sir Hugh Smithson, a nobleman of Christ Church, that sets out next Saturday for Oxford.

May 13, 1731. Sir A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 292). Sends subscription for *Hemingford*; would have sent it before, but was out of Town at 'the Bath'.

¹ Not in MS.—Ed.

Non-Jurors), and since that, a thing in verse called *The Art of deciphering*, w^{ch} latter is printed in folio, but his name is to neither.

I have a note, p. 82 of vol. 83 of these Remarks, that Sr Thomas hath got Durandus's *Rituale* printed anno 1459, upon vellum I think, & that it is worth an 100 libs.

In vol. 103, p. 158, I have a note of a Vellum Durandus's *Rituale*, but imperfect at the end, w^{ch} I take to be of the Ed. of Mentz, 1459, being the first ed., and I have there noted, p. 159, that if it were perfect it would be looked upon as worth 150 libs. among some curious men.

10 NB. I wrote to-day to Sr Thomas about the Durandus on a blank leaf of my Advertisement about Caius and Hemingford.

May 14 (Fri.). I must farther desire to know of Sr Thomas Sebright, whether his Durandus be in every respect perfect & fair, without any deletions.

In Whethamstede's Register of the Heralds' Office is a Letter of Mundus Benvalet (anno 1458) to the said Whethamstede concerning his (Benvalet's) book about our Order of the Garter, which was printed at Cologne, and is in the Bodleyan Library under the title of *Catechismus Equitum Periscelidis*, the Editor whereof neither knew the Author or the
20 time of the writing, which, from this Letter, Mr. Anstis settled in the *Register of the Garter* to be of this Age, and having since seen a MS. thereof with a date thereto and other particulars, if I imagine it worth the while to take any notice of this matter, he will transcribe what he formerly said of it in his book (where it was to the subject), and what farther light that MS. afforded him.

May 15 (Sat.). They have at St. John's, at Cambridge, a noble MS. Polychronicon of Trevisa's Translation. The Additions are by him, and where additions are made he adds his own name [*Trevisa*]. I have printed a fragment thereof in Leland's Coll. The Book concludes
30 thus: 'God be thanked of al his nedes, this Translation is ended in a Thorsday the eygtethe day of Avril the yere of our Lord a thousand thre hundred fourscore and sevene, the tenthe yere of King Richard the second after the conquest of Engelonde. The yere of my Lordes age, Sir Thomas of Berkeley that made me make thys translation, fyve and thrytty.'

May 16 (Sun.). Mr. West bought many of Peter Le Neve's MSS. for Lord Oxford, one of w^{ch} is a very fine old leiger Book of Waltham Abbey, as I was told yesterday by Dr. Tanner, but the Dr. told me there is nothing in it about the History of England.

40 There died very lately Mr. Ra. Franck, minister of Wood Eaton near Oxford, and formerly Fellow of Merton College, as a member of w^{ch} Coll. he took the degree of M.A., April 17, 1697.

Memorand. that the Hon. W^m Bromley, Esq., member of Parl. of Oxon., is 3 years older than he is represented to be in the 2nd Ed. of *Athenae*, Oxon., as I have been told by his son Francis, of X^t Ch.

May 17 (Mon.). There is a very short compendium of Metaphysicks which when I was undergraduate was read to us, & we were told that the

Author was Dr. Whitby, but I since understand from Mr. Wood's Ath. Oxon., vol. ii, that Dr. Willes of Trinity was Author. It hath been reprinted by Mr. Brookes, late of Oriel Coll., as Dr. Blanford's.

The said Dr. Willes was Author of two Discourses about Josephus, wch are printed at the beginning of Sr Roger L'Estrange's Translation of Josephus. They were revised before they were printed by Mr. Dodwell, who hath added two or three notes at the bottom, distinguished from the rest by H. D.

May 18 (Tu.). Mr. Samuel Parker (eldest son of the late Mr. Samuel Parker) now of Magd. Coll., was born anno 1703.

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The Papers Mr. Baker hath sent me about K. Charles I's escape from Oxford, being Dr. Mich. Hudson's own account, were taken from the Paper Office, wch Mr. Baker tells me that I may have no doubt of the authority of them, wch however is to be kept by me as a secret, Mr. Baker for some reasons being not willing it should be yet spoke of, but if my vouchers (for I design to print these Papers in Hemingford) should be questioned (wch he is confident they never will) he will then owne it.

Mr. Rushworth had probably seen these Papers (as at vol. vi, p. 267), but makes so many mistakes in his short account of 20 or 30 lines, that he must have trusted his memory, wch failed him.

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Last night, died Mr. Fra. Finch, Fellow of Trin. Coll., and younger Brother of Mr. Finch of Heddington near Oxford. He took the Degree of M.A. Nov. 22, 1705, and that of B.D. Nov. 15, 1714. [He was buried to-night at Trin. Coll.]

May 20 (Thur.). In the year 1666 was printed at London in 8^{vo}, *A Discourse of the Terrestrial Paradise, aiming at a more probable Discovery of the true Situation of that happy place of our first Parents' Habitation.* By Marmaduke Carver, Rector of Harthill in the County of York. It is a most learned Book and is dedicated to Archbishop Sheldon. Many years since, Graevius put out in 4^{to} a volume of curious Tracts, written by various Authors, after the Publication of wch one or more volumes were expected, & it was talked of & proposed that this Tract should be translated into Latin, & sent over to Graevius to accompany the rest, as also John Greaves's Pyramids & his Roman *Pes & Denarius*. Endeavour to get some account of Mr. Carver.

May 21 (Fri.). Yesterday, in the afternoon, I called at the Museum on purpose to see the MS. of Mr. Ashmole's, in wch is an account of

May 18, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 146). Has found a catalogue of the Deans of Bangor and the Deans of St. Asaph.

May 20, 1731. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 307). See Diary, May 24.

May 20, 1731. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 138). Sends some additions to *Athenae Oxon.* It is possible that several of Mr. Le Neve's books and MSS. will be sold again, as Mr. Martin, one of the executors, bought them, only to raise the prices, 'a scandalous method.' One Mr. Daniel Williams, formerly of Jesus College, now Protestant Chaplain at Rome, has made a large collection of medals abroad.

May 21, 1731. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 13). Thinks it is an error if a MS. of Whethamstede is mentioned in the Library of the Royal Society.

Reg. Peacock's being, after his deprivation, sent to Thorney Abbey, in which are also (as Dr. Tanner had told me), many other things about Peacock. It is no. 789, fol. 138, &c. But I could not see it, the two young men that attended there telling me Mr. Andrews was out of Town, & had locked up the door & carried the key with him, being apprehensive his Election would be contested, because of his having but three votes.

After this I called upon Dr. Tanner, and told him how hard it was that Books should be lodged at the Museum for publick use, & that, when one wanted them to convert them to that use, a sight of them could
 10 not be had. I complained how time was lost in trotting to no purpose. I asked him what there was really in the MS. besides the Passage about Thorney. He said several Letters, but that all, but that of his being sent to Thorney pertained chiefly to an endeavour to make him alter & change his sentiments. I then told the Dr., as for his Recantation I had that, so did not want it. He said there were two Recantations. I told him I had that in Whethamstede, & I thought (what the Dr. said he thought too) that one was already printed.

I asked him whether there were any thing in the MS. about Peacock's deprivation. He said no. I told him 'twas that I wanted, particularly
 20 whether he was deprived by the Archbishop's sole authority or not. The Dr. said he believed he was deprived by a sort of synod.

The Dr., upon my asking, assured me, as he had done formerly, that he hath no Continuation of A. Wood's life, & hath no more than what I have printed, abating some little References to Mr. Wood's own Books, now in the Museum, but 'tis not part of the Life, and therefore not to be noticed as such.

May 22 (Sat.). The Custom of the Gambone of Bacon is still kept up at Dunmowe, as I am told by Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll., who returned home on Thursday last, May 20, from whom I had what follows
 30 this morning :

Dunmow { At a Court Barron of the R^t. Worshipfull Sir Tho. May, Kt.,
 nuper Priorat' { there holden on Friday the 27th day of June in the year of
 our Lord 1701 before Tho. Wheeler gent., steward of the said
 manor, it is thus enrolled.

Homage { Elizabeth Beaumont, spinster }
 { Henrietta Beaumont, spinster }
 { Annabella Beaumont, spinster } Jurat'
 { Jane Beaumont, spinster }
 { Mary Wheeler, spinster }

40 Be it remembered that at this Court it is found & presented by the Homage aforesaid that W^m Parseley & Jane his wife have been married for the Space of three years last past & it is like wise found and presented by the Homage aforesaid that W^m Parsley & Jane his wife, by means of their Quiet & Peaceable, tender & loving Cohabitation for the space of three years aforesaid, are fit and qualified Persons to be admitted by the Court to receive the ancient & accustomed oath, whereby to entitle themselves to have the Bacon of Dunmow delivered unto them according to the Custom of the manor. Whereupon at this Court in full & open Court came the said W^m Parsley & Jane his wife in their Persons & humbly prayed they might be admitted to
 50 take the Oath, whereupon the Steward with the Jury, Suitors & other Officers, proceeding with the usual Solemnity to the ancient & accustomed Place for

the Administration of the Oath & receiving the said Bacon, that is to say two great Stones, Lying near the Church Door, where the said W^m Parsley & Jane his wife kneeling down on the two stones, the said Steward did administer the Oath in these words or to the Effect following—

You do swear by the Custom of Confession
That you never made Nuptial Transgression;
Nor, since you were married man & wife,
By Household Brawls or Contentious Strife
Or otherwise at Bed or at Board
Offended each other in Deed or in word;
Or in a twelve months' time & a day
Repented not in Thought any way,
Or since the Church Clerk said Amen
Wished your selves unmarried again,
But continue true & in Desire
As when you joyned hands in Holy Quire.

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And immediately thereupon W^m Parsley and Jane his wife claiming the said Bacon, the Court pronounced Sentence for the same in these words or to the effect following—

Since to these Conditions without any fear
Of your own Accord you do freely swear
A whole Gammon of Bacon you do receive
And bear it away with Love and good Leave
For this is the Custom of Dunmow well known;
Tho' the Pleasure be ours the Bacon's your own.

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And accordingly a Gammon of Bacon was Delivered unto the said W^m Parsley & Jane his wife with the usual solemnity.

Exam'd per Tho. Wheeler, gent., steward W^m Hague.

May 23 (Sun.).¹ The Lady of the Mannor of Little Dunmow is M^{rs}. Hallet, widow of the son of S^r James Hallet of London, the King's 30 jeweller. No Bacon has been demanded here since 1701, when M^r. Reynolds, a gentleman, and Parsley, a butcher, carryed off two Gammons. The former is now living; the widow of the latter married again.—M^r. Loveday.

May 24 (Mon.). Mr. West informs me, by Letter of May 20th, that there is nothing in *Joannes Frumentarius*, in Gresham Coll. Library, relating to what I enquired, viz. the names of those killed in the Battles of Northampton and Wakefield. 'Tis a very fair book, but contains only the Rentale and Expense of the Abbey in the time of Ramryge. Mr. West himself hath a Piece of a Book of St. Alban's, but there is no account therein of what I desire.

Whethamstede, in his Second *Praefectura*, being the Register in the Heralds' Office, refers us likewise to his lesser Register for the names of those that were impeached of high Treason for espousing the Cause of Hen. VI at the beginning of Edw. IV's Reign.

¹ Note at the end of the volume, 'May 23, died M^r. Clifton, who lately lived at the Crown Inn, Oxford, father-in-law to M^r. John Holman, barber, of St. Marie's parish, Oxford, at whose house he died. The same day in the afternoon was drowned in the river below Aston's Eyt, M^r. Racquet, a journey-man Barber, as he was swimming with 5 or 6 more. He had married about half a year before the eldest daughter of the widow Bean of St. Peter's in the East, whose husband was Clerk of that parish.'

May 25 (Tu.). Mr. Baker hath got K. Ch. I's Letter to Sr Thomas Glemham about the surrendry of Oxford, w^{ch} (if I please) he will send me. So he sent word by Mr. Loveday.

Alex. Nevyl's *Apologia ad Walliae Proceres*, &c. is nowhere printed,¹ that Mr. Baker knows of. They have a MS. Copy of it bound up with the printed Book in their College Library, which Mr. Baker showed to a Friend who took a Copy, and Mr. Bell probably had his from thence, for Mr. Baker knows of no other Copy. The Author was of that College, &, if I have occasion to speak of him, Mr. Baker will tell me
 10 more.

On Friday last, May 21, Mr. Grey of Lincoln Coll. had the Degree of D.D. conferred on him by Diploma, for his being bred up by the late B^p of Durham, Dr. Crew, and for his repeating the last Easter Sermons.

May 26 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, May 24, 1731:—

We hear from Lincoln that some Quarrymen hewing limestone last week in a field near the City, discovered a thick, strong Vault of 4 stones only, about 12 inches thick, nine feet long, four broad, and about an Ell deep, with many iron Cramps to join the Stones together, w^{ch} Time had eat with Rust;
 20 that they likewise found a large Urn (as supposed) curiously carved; that it was very much visited, especially by the Curious, and was generally believed to be as antient a Piece of Antiquity as can be produced anywhere in these Kingdoms.

May 28 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, May 24:—

There is lately dead M^{rs}. Salmon, Daughter of John Bradshaw, Esq., Serjeant at Law, who on the 12th of January, 1648, was stiled Lord President, and on the 29th of the same month signed the Warrant for the execution of King Charles.² She left three sons: Nathaniel, who was admitted to
 30 Degree of Batchelor of Law of Bennet's College, Cambridge, afterwards took Orders in the Church of England, and now lives in Essex; Thomas Salmon, well known for his *Modern History or Present State of all Nations*, which is so well received by the Publick; and the third a Clergyman in Devonshire; and one Daughter, who is in the Family of his Grace of Canterbury.

NB. The said Modern History is a poor superficial Thing, but pleases, just like news Papers, as indeed all Mr. Salmon's things are superficial,

May 26, 1731. H. to Ballard (Ballard MS. 41. 7). Acknowledges the receipt of 16 shillings [see letter of April 21]. Thanks for a coin of Edw. I, of debased metal.

May 27, 1731. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 117). Will be able to supply H. with the attainders under Ed. IV 'from the best authority, the Parliament Rolls.' Information about Peacock's deposition may be obtained from Mr. Harbin. 'He is a gentleman of so communicative temper that I assure myself he will readily impart all the notices he hath to you. I have had the honour of a long acquaintance with him, but I cannot recollect the particular street he lives in, though it is somewhere about Windmill Street, Soho.'

¹ Note by Hearne: 'It is printed and I have a Copy.'

² But see Diary, June 23.—Ed.

done meerly to get a penny, among w^{ch} is his Chronological History, printed under his own name, tho' it had been done for the most part before, ready to his hands.

May 29 (Sat.). Yesterday, as I was walking out of Town, I met in High Street, Oxon., by Jury Lane,¹ Browne Willis of Whaddon Hall, Bucks., Esq., who then gave me an old silver Groat, w^{ch} he said was of Hen. IV, but I told him I thought it rather (as indeed I do still) of Hen. V. But indeed it requires niceness to distinguish the Coins of these two Henries, one from the other.

He then also shewed me, as we stood in the street, a crown piece² of 10 Hen. VIII, what indeed I had never seen before. But 'tis very coarse adulterated silver, as that Prince's money usually was. He said Dr. Mead offered him seven pounds for it.

He said he had a Coin not only of Ric. II (what indeed I once saw at his House at Whaddon, tho' I did but just see it, and it was by candle light) but likewise one of Ric. III. I never yet saw one of Ric. III. He said he would bring both these to Oxford next time he came.

He said he had been at Magd. Hall Library, where were some time since a great many coins, many of w^{ch} were put there by Mr. Josiah Pullen, but that they are all gone.

He said (and so I always thought) that himself had the best series of English Coins of any person, excepting Mr. Thomas Granger.

Mr. Granger hath a gold one of the Black Prince, what I never saw before. Mr. Willis hath not this, but he said somebody had had two of them. I know not whether Dr. Tanner. Remember to ask Dr. Tanner.

May 30 (Sun.). John Arden, Ardern or Arderon, Chirurgeon to the Black Prince. Mr. Beckett of Abbington yesterday told me in Oxford, that Dr. Mead hath a MS. of this Arden, in w^{ch} is a note where the Black Prince died and where buried. Tho' this is known, yet it may be proper to know how 'tis expressed in this MS. The Tract is *de fistula in ano* & is supposed to be an original. The Author was Chirurgeon to the Black Prince.

The said Mr. Beckett told me he hath a Copy in MS. of an ancient Grant of the mannour of Kensington near London to the Abbey of Abbington circa an. 1200, upon account of the abbot of Abbington's curing the King's son of a calamitous Distemper.

One Pead, a farmer of Culham in Oxfordshire, married about half year since his maidservant, who is under 20 years of age, tho' himself be 75.

May 31 (Mon.). Yesterday, called upon me Mr. John Davys, formerly of Magd. Coll., afterwards of Hart Hall and now a minister in Northamptonshire, whom I have mentioned before.

May 29, 1731. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 83). Sends a transcript of Alexander Nevyl's apology.

¹ By this he must mean Alfred Street.—Ed.

² Note by Hearne: 'So he stiled it, but I rather take it to be a medal, it being, as appears from the reverse to be, in honour of his being made defender of the Faith.'

He told me he was born at Tissebury in Wilts. This Tissebury is supposed to have been a Cell to the Nunnery of Shaftesbury. It most certainly belonged to Shaftesbury, as appears from *Mon. Angl.* tom. i, p. 215. The things about Shaftesbury in the said *Monasticon* were taken *Ex registro de Shaftesbury in bibl. Dewesiana*. Quaere whether my Lord Oxford hath now got this Register. In Adams's Index Villaris & in other Books the word is corruptly written Tilbury. Mr. Thomas Marchant, M.A., is now Vicar of Tisbury, and is *in rebus ad locum pertinentibus versatissimus*. Mr. Davys intends to endeavour to perswade
10 him to write a short discourse about the antiquities of the place.

June 1 (Tu.). Mr. Davys at the same time told me Mr. Joseph Bowles, late Fellow of Oriel College & Chief Keeper of the Bodleian Library, is buried in Trinity Church yard at Shaftesbury, and that there is this Epitaph over the grave: 'Here lyeth the Bodys of Leonard and Dorothy Bowles; also the body of Joseph Bowles their grandson, aged 34.' His father is still living, being a Taylor at Shaftesbury, very poor and indigent. His name is likewise Joseph. His said wretched son, who was Pupil to Mr. Davys, when he (Bowles) was of Hart Hall, might have been a support to his Father, had he acted the part of a sober, virtuous man. But his
20 being cryed up at first and strangely caressed and admired, & being withall naturally giddy-headed and conceited, drew him into the utmost folly and the height of wickedness, w^{ch} shortened his life.

June 2 (Wed.). Mr. Loveday tells me there is not the least talk at Cambridge of Dr. Waterland's publishing the anonymous account of K. Charles II's escape from Worcester. I suppose Dr. Waterland in this case is of an ungenerous Temper, and not willing it should be printed, & therefore to hinder others may pretend that he will do it himself.

June 3 (Thur.). Mr. West and Mr. Murray both yesterday (they being then in Oxford) assured me that Alexander Nevill's *Apologia ad*
30 *proceres Walliae* is printed, and that they both have it. Mr. West promised me to give me an account of his Copy. Indeed I thought I had formerly seen a printed copy, particularly one lent me by Thomas Rawlinson, Esq. Mr. Murray said Mr. West had it out of Mr. Rawlinson's Auction. I received a MS. of it on Monday last from Beaupré Bell, Esq., who copied it from a MS. in St. John's Coll., Cambridge. Mr. Baker told me 'twas never printed, & Mr. Bell thought so too, and so indeed did I for that reason. But quaere. ['Tis printed, and Mr. West hath it and so have I myself].

June 1, 1731. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 145). Sends 'a velom' which seems to refer to the family of Wykeham. Sends a *Geogius* halfpenny. Mr. West says the dissenting teacher Holman's MSS. relating to Essex are sold to Mr. Knapton, a bookseller; but R. does not think a bookseller would have given £300 or £400 for them.

June 1, 1731. George Harbin to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 340). Mentions MSS. of Whethamstede; among them one 'de viris illustribus' in the Library of the Royal Society.

June 1, 1731. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 225). Sends the Catalogues of the books of Mr. Jett and Mr. Le Neve with the names of the purchasers.

June 4 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, May 31:—

They write from Oxford that on May 21 last, in full Convocation, the Degree of Doctor in Divinity was conferred by Diploma on the Rev. Mr. Grey (Author of the judicious and useful Abridgment of Bishop Gibson's Codex and of an ingenious Treatise concerning the Art of Memory) as well as on account of that Gentleman's personal Merit and Learning, as of his having been Chaplain to and highly respected by the late Lord Crew, Bishop of Durham, a munificent Benefactor to the University.

Mr. Collins (who was a man of such ill principles) his books were sold 10 by auction in London lately for about three thousand pounds.

The said Collins had Mr. Lock's study, whom he much admired.

June 5 (Sat.). Mr. John Murray was compleat threescore years of age last 24th of Jan., 1730. He was 17 years old when his Father died. His Father died in the 50th year of his age, his mother in the 74th.

Mr. Murray told me yesterday that the folio MS. of Arden, that Dr. Beckett told me is in Dr. Mead's hands, belonged to my late Friend Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., and that 'tis a very fine book and adorned with very fine curious figures. But Mr. Murray remembers not what historical notes there may be in it.

Henry Lord Coleraine (who was at my room yesterday with Mr. Murray between 5 and 6 in the afternoon, after my return from my country walk, Mr. Murray having walked with me) was formerly of Corpus Christi Coll., where his Tutor was Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Rogers (lately deceased), & is a very sober, studious, regular man. His Grandfather and Father were likewise men of great Learning and Virtue. The said Rogers married this Lord's sister.

June 7 (Mon.). On Easter Sunday last (being April 18) my only Sister, Anne Hearne, the widow of Thomas Field, was married to

June 4, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 39. 150). Points out some small errors in R.'s additions to *Athenae Oxon.* Is sorry the reputation of so good a man as Mr. Spinckes should in any way suffer. Does not know whether it may be proper to make use of the note concerning Lord Clarendon supplied by 'Mr. William Bedford or (as you wrote him) William Bedford Esq.'

c. **June 4, 1731. T. Ward to H.** (Rawl. 27 c. 279). Sends extracts about Reginald Peacock.

June 5, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 63). There is nothing in the Ely Register about Arundel's degrees. He was a man of quality, brother to Ric. de Arundel and John de Arundel, knights. 'Thomas Harding, S. T. B. of this College' wrote a history of the Church of England from 857 to 1626. A portion of it was printed; it is a confused, dry thing; Bishop Burnet could have no great assistance from it. The MS. is now for sale. Never saw Juliana Barnes's book printed by Winkin de Word, but possesses the 'Boke of hawkyn, hunting & fishing' printed at London by John Powell in black letter, no date. Is glad Mr. Loveday was pleased with his reception at Cambridge. Marmaduke Carvar of Queens' College, admitted 'sizator' May 10, 1623; B.A. 1626; M.A. 1630. Sends an account of the Deans of St. Asaph from 1500, taken from Bp. Humphreys's papers.

June 7, 1731. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (transcript; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 22). Would like an account of the MS. bought

Mr. Daniel Dean, a brickmaker on Oldspur Heath near Beaconsfield. They were asked in their Parish Church, and were married in it by Mr. Bracegirdle, Curate of their Parish.

At the end of Roger Edgeworth's sermons, 4^{to}, imprinted at London by Robert Calye within the precincts of Christe's Hospitall, *cum privilegiis ad imprimendum solum*, in Mr. Murray's copy is this MS. note at the end: 'This was Master Lybe's booke, a priest, and master Thomas Younge's book, one of the vicars of Bampton & a priest to, and now is the Booke of Alexander Phippes, priest, curate of Hinton Wallrishe in Barkshire and
10 borne at Bampton in Oxfordshire; anno domini 1536. This is Richard Winterborne's booke of Casswell Marsh and was the booke of Alexander Phippes.' I did but just see the said book in Mr. Murray's hands on Saturday morning last, on weh day in the afternoon Mr. Murray went away in the Lord Colerane's shaize, together with the said Lord (with whom he came to Oxford), with a design to stay two or three days at Astrop Wells.

Dr. Waterland of Cambridge gets no manner of Reputation by assisting that vile Fellow Lewis of Margate in his publick works, w^{ch} are very poor, mean performances.

20 Mr. Collins, the free thinker, was looked upon by men of his principles as a very clever man, and was (and so is his memory) much respected by them, and the Catalogue of his Books is highly cryed up, as containing a wonderfull Collection both of books and pamphletts, and bound extremely fine.

Mr. Murray hath only one original Letter of Anth. à Wood's, being written to Mr. Richard Chiswell, the Bookseller.

Mr. Whiteside promised Mr. Murray an Autograph Letter of Anth. à Wood's, but never performed the promise.

Lord Colerane married the daughter, a fine Woman, of Mr. Hanger
30 of Hanger's (commonly called Shatton Hanger's) in the parish of Bray, near Windsor, but they have not lived together many years; I know not for what reason. It seems she lives with her father at Hanger's.

Lord Colerane is a very sober, studious, religious Gentleman. He hath no child. He reads Prayers in his own House constantly night and morning, and all the servants attend.

He hath a fine Study of Books, first collected by his Grandfather and Father, who were learned men, and since improved by himself.

It is said that he was so studious that when his Lady and he lived together, he would (as he lay in bed with her) have one come up to him
40 at midnight and read Greek to him.

June 8 (Tu.). Ant. Wood mentions Edgeworth's Sermons as a great Rarity, and that he never saw them but in Balliol Coll. among Sr Thomas Wendy's books.

To ask Dr. Tanner what he knows of Juliana Barnes's Works.

Her book of hunting, hawking, and heraldry is commonly called the book of St. Alban's, I think because it was first printed at St. Alban's.

by C at Mr. Jett's sale, intit. *Heroica Eulogia Guillelmi Bowyeri*. Dr. Tanner thinks the paper sent is in the hands of Mr. Woodhead. 'I have thought ... Mr. Woodhead did not become Catholick 'till after the Restauration.'

Mr. West said t'other day he had heard of a copy of Juliana Barnes's book printed at St. Alban's that was sold for 10 or 12 Guineas.

Mr. Murray knows nothing of Juliana Barnes's being printed at St. Alban's.

Mr. Murray never saw Caxton's Ed. of Juliana Barnes. Mr. Ward of Warwick hath an imperfect copy thereof, w^{ch} he lent me when I was printing Caius.

Mr. Murray hath a complete copy of Juliana Barnes of Winkin de Worde's Edition.

Ask Dr. Tanner, whether he ever saw any MS. of Juliana Barnes. 10

Also whether he knows anything of her book's being translated into Latin.

The present Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Wake, hath a fine Collection of Coins and Medals, particularly English ones.

Mr. Murray told me t'other day many persons were for having me reprint Leland's Itin. and Collectanea; but so as to do it in folio. The same thing was proposed to me many years agoe by Francis Gwyn, of Ford Abbey in Devonshire, Esq. But I declined it both then and now.

Dr. Tanner told me yesterday he is mightily for a new Ed. of all W^m Malmesbury's pieces, and said great improvements might be made. 20

I told him to put his nephew (who is Student of X^t Ch. and in the 19th year of his age) upon it. But he said he was a vile, rakish, sad young man.

June 9 (Wed.). Dr. Tanner hath got a very valuable collection of English coins and meddals, gold and silver, some of w^{ch} he shewd me formerly and some on Monday last in the afternoon at his Lodgings at X^t Church.

He hath a silver Groat of Ric. III with CIVITAS LONDON on the Reverse.

The said silver groat is one of the greatest Rarities I ever saw. I formerly thought there had been none of this usurping King's coins. 30 Dr. Tanner had formerly shewed me a gold Angel of this Prince's, but that is nothing equal in value to this with respect to History, because there is no head on it, whereas this silver one (w^{ch} is very fair) hath the Head, & it gives me great satisfaction. For whereas I have been many years seeking after such monuments to know how his face is represented, w^{ch} in the common pictures is made to be old and shrivelled, as if he had been more than threescore, this likewise makes him to be shrivelled, w^{ch} is very remarkable, and yet he was only 33 years old when he was killed at Bosworth, as is plain from W^m Wyrcester, that I printed with *Liber Niger*, where we have the day and year of his birth, what I never met with 40 elsewhere.

Dr. Tanner hath not any coin of Ric. II. Mr. Willis hath both Ric. II and Ric. III.

Henry VIII's crown piece in Mr. Willis's hands seems to have been a medal rather than a Coin.

June 9, 1731. Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 95). Sends *Liber Niger*, 2 vols., 'which you paid me for at Oxford.' Sends Mr. Jett's, Le Neve's, and Skipton's catalogues. Thanks for favours received at Oxford.

Dr. Tanner hath a fine silver medal of Q. Eliz., struck anno 1601, about the bigness of a shilling. Her face is represented very beautifull & young (tho' she was then 69 years of age), & in her best habit.

June 10 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, June 7 :—

Mr^s. Astell is lately dead, a Gentlewoman very much admired for several ingenious Pieces, with which she had favoured the Publick, in the cause of Religion and Virtue. Her Correspondence with the famous Mr. Norris of Bemerton, on the celebrated subject of the *Love of God*, gained her no small
10 Applause; and whoever reads her *Reflection on Marriage* (a new Edition of which, with Alterations and Additions, she lately published) her Book intitled *Proposals to the Ladies*, that intitled *The Christian Religion as professed by a Daughter of the Church of England*, together with her other Pieces, will observe in them an elevated mind, displayed in an excellent manner of Reasoning, and a Turn of Genius above what is usual in her own Sex, and not unworthy of the most distinguished Writers of the other.

The said Mr^s. Astell corresponded with the famous Mr. Dodwell, particularly about the Case in View.

She did not understand Latin, as Mr. Dodwell, from her quoting ancient
20 Authors, thought she had, but she told him she read them in the French and other Translations.

June 11 (Fri.). Mr. Allen, Rector of Kettering in Northamptonshire, whose Father was a baker in Oxford, was born Dec. 25, 1681.

This Allen hath printed several things relating to Divinity, but he is crazed.

From the Northampton Mercury for June 7 :—

The Rev. Mr. Bate, Fellow of St. John's Coll., Cambridge, and lately Chaplain at Paris to his Excellency Horatio Walpole, Esq., his Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, is presented to the Rectory
30 of the New Church in Deptford, vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. Norton.

Mr. Loveday lately saw him at Cambridge, received great civilities from him, and says he is a well-bred man, of good skill, and that his Father, who is Clergyman, was of All Souls, Oxon.

June 12 (Sat.). On Wednesday last, called upon me, John Strachey, Esq., formerly Gent. Commoner of Edmund Hall. He is a Somersetshire Gent. and hath drawn up an Alphabetical account of the Religious Houses of that County, w^{ch} I shall print at the end of my Hemingsford. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society.

He hath made large Collections towards the antiquities of that County,
40 and hath a better account of the Foss Way, as he told me, than is anywhere else.

June 10, 1731. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 348) [see Diary, June 24].

June 12, 1731. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 191). Hearing that a book called Hearne's Vindication [of taking the Oath of Allegiance] was to be published, B. had written to H. desiring to be a subscriber. He now apologises, having learnt from Mr. Peisley the 'history of the printing of it' [see also Diary, June 14].

He hath so near finished a map of that County that he told me two days more (if he had an opportunity) would compleat it.

He hath a discourse of the *Strata*, &c. in the Philosophical Transactions, and 'tis also published by itself. I have formerly mentioned it.

June 14 (Mon.). Mr. Edw. Burton, in a Letter of June 12, tells me he hath not been able to find any thing relating to Br Peacock's Deprivation, about which I had wrote to him. He is told, however, that Mr. Lewis of Margate is now printing Peacock's life, and that it will be soon published. *If this be so* (says Burton), *I suppose it will, if exactly done, satisfy your curiosity about that Bishop.* This is Lewis the Pyrate, a man ¹⁰ of such a vile character, that nothing that he does is of any reputation.

Dr. Tanner shewed me t'other day K. Charles II's Coronation Medal, anno 1651, at Scone.

June 15 (Tu.). Mr. Harbin hath asked Lord Oxford, who assures him he knows of nothing in his Library that can be serviceable to me about Reginald Peacock or Whethamstede.

Mr. West bought out of Le Neve's Collection, for nine shillings, a MS. containing antient Tenures and Knights' Fees in com. Berks. I know not whether it was not partly extracted either from the Black or else the Red Book. Ask him whether there be any thing in it relating to ²⁰ Shottesbrooke or to either of the Walthams.

June 16 (Wed.). Yesterday, at 12 Clock at noon, died Dr. Wm Dobson, President of Trinity College, Oxon., aged about 83. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of that College, Nov. 4, 1672, and that of B. and D.D., Jan. 24, 1705. He was a very good, quiet, honest man, and is spoke well of by all people. He was, when young, a celebrated Preacher. The Bells went for him last night at seven Clock, and just after St. Marie's bell had rung, it went out again for Dr. John Morley, Rector of Lincoln College, who, I hear, died at his Parsonage in Lincolnshire. He took the Degree of M.A., as a member of Lincoln College, ³⁰ June 16, 1692, that of B.D., June 26, 1703, and that of D.D., April 18, 1711. He was married but has left no child. He was formerly a great Tutor at the College, and bore the Character of a worthy, honest man, but after he became married and Rector he grew indolent.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, Mr. Fisher of Oriel College called upon me, and told me that coming through Dorchester from London the day before, he put in at the Red Lion there & dined at that Inn, and that whilst he was there an old stone was dug up on the right hand, or on the west side of that Inn, being 12 Inches 3 quarters thick, 17 and an half in

June 14, 1731. James Gibson to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 324). Sends a letter to be delivered to Mr. Litchfield. 'All that I can return you for your great kindness to me is only thanks.' Does not know when he will be in Oxford next.

June 14, 1731 (Rawl. 27 C. 70). A copy of the inscription discovered at Dorchester. Note by Hearne: 'It was dug up on the west side of the Red Lyon Inne at Dorchester, June 14, 1731, viz. in the close called Court Close and sometimes Bishop's Close. They were digging a saw pit.'

breadth, and $10\frac{1}{2}$ in depth. It was found six feet under Ground. Horses' teeth were found with it. It was an Altar & contains this Inscription.

[Inscription omitted.]

NB. I much suspected the said copy & not without reason. For Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. going over to Wallingford on June 16, Wed., took a transcript of my copy with him & he assures me the Inscription is as follows, and that the Stone, which is a rough stone like that dug at Heddington Quarry, is genuine.

[Inscription omitted.]

10 I have printed the Inscription in my Preface to Walter Hemingford.

June 17 (Thur.). On Tuesday the first of this inst. June, one Mr. William Armstrong, a Scottish man of about forty years of age, walked from the middle of Magdalen Bridge, Oxford, to St. Gyles's Pound in London in 14 hours and three Quarters for a considerable wager, which he won, the time for performance being fifteen hours. He set out at five a Clock in the Evening. All the time was very hot, fine Weather.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, June 14 :—

20 They write from Blandford in Dorsetshire that on Friday the 4th, about noon, a fire broke out there, which burnt with such violence that it consumed the whole Town, except 26 houses, together with the Church. The consternation of the people was so great and the fire so quick that few of them saved any of their goods; the small pox being rife there added to the misfortune, for many sick of that Distemper were carryed into the fields, where they soon expired. Near 300 houses are laid in ashes, and the town is in such Confusion that 'tis difficult to find a road through it.

June 18 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for June 14 :—

30 On the 10th of this month came Advice from Tiverton in Devonshire that a terrible fire broke out there on Saturday night June 5th, which consumed the major part of that great trading town. The damage done thereby is computed at 40,000 lib.

We have to add to the account mentioned above, relating to the town of Blandford, that it was reduced to ashes in about five hours' time, that near 3,000 persons lye in the open fields without cloaths or victuals, about 150 of which have the small-pox on them.

June 17, 1731. Rev. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 9). Sends more information about Little Gidding. 'The reason that makes me not desirous you should take notice of my writing to you to any of your Hall (tho' indeed it was such a trifle as I needed not have cautioned you of, and not likely to be taken notice of by you), was because I know the Humours and Tempers of some people so well that I conceive it would not be taken very kindly of me, particularly by the leading men, if they should come to know I writ to you or another there and not to them, to whom they may suppose I am under more especial obligations.'

June 18, 1731. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 308). His copy of Alexander Nevyl was bought at Rawlinson's sale. Mr. Murray sends a message that his copy of Juliana Barnes was printed by Winkin de Worde and contains the Fishing.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, called upon me Martin Folkes, Esq., Fellow of the Royal Society, a very ingenious Gent., who told me, upon my mentioning it, that Dr. Mead hath certainly got *Ardern de fistula in ano*, a fine MS., that he had it of Mr. Beckett, the Chirurgeon, of Abbing-ton, & he promised me to consult it about the note relating to the Black Prince.

June 19 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for June 14 :—

Letters from Tiverton say that the dreadful Conflagration that happened there on Saturday last, June 5, with the miserable circumstances that attended it, fills every one's Heart with the greatest grief, there being, according to the most exact Accounts which have been taken, about two hundred dwelling houses and Back-houses or Tenements consumed, ten of which cost above 10,000*l.* building, and the whole loss is computed at 150,000*l.* The fire began by the carelessness of a Baker who lived at the East end of the Town near the Pound, and immediately spread itself four or five ways; it hath burnt all the Houses and Back-houses from the river Lowman on both sides of the street to the end of the Flesh Shambles and half-way up Berrington. A small quantity of Goods were saved, and they were thrown into the Churches, Meeting-houses, and the Fields adjoining where a great many hundred poor Persons lay for want of Beds.

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June 20 (Sun.). Yesterday I read over, being lent me by Dr. Rawlinson, the *Life of the R. Reverend Mr. Nathanael Spinckes*. By the Rev. Mr. John Blackbourne, M.A., London, 1731, 8vo.

It was designed to have been prefixed to the new Edition of Mr. Spinckes's *Sick man visited*. But 'tis omitted, because much disliked by even the Nonjurors themselves; who look upon it as a bombast performance & prejudicial to the memory of that good man Mr. Spinckes.

P. xxvii. 'I can come at no certainty whether he composed the life of Bishop Stillingfleet, as has been reported to me.' NB. That life was written by Dr. Timothy Goodwin, who had been the Bishop's Chaplain, and was afterwards a Prelate himself.

June 21 (Mon.). Dr. Dobson was buried in Trin. Coll. Chappell on Friday, June 18.

Dr. Morley, I hear, died suddenly of the dead Palsy on Saturday, June 12, having been seized the day before, just after he had married a couple. He died worth about 5 or 6 thousand Pounds. He hath left an hundred pounds to Linc. College, to be reserved till they have enough to buy a Living with.

Sr Justinian Isham bought many of Peter Le Neve's and Mr. Jett's MSS., & he hath, besides these, several other MSS. of value.

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June 22 (Tu.). One Mr. Wynne, a young Bach. of Arts, of Jesus Coll., Oxon., is versed in the old British Language & is very desirous of doing something that way; particularly, if he can meet with Encouragement (as I think he ought), he hath a mind to publish the old British

June 21, 1731. Arthur Van Sittart to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 252). Has received the *Liber Niger*; being in the country, does not know how to send the two guineas; desires to be put in a way of doing it by some other means than sending it by Mr. Godfrey.

Chronicle in their College Library, being the Original of Alfred of Beverley and Geffrý of Monmouth.

When I was a little Boy at my Father's at Little Field Green, being in the Barn there (belonging to Mr. Ford, the landlord of the house where my Father lived), upon a corn mow, at a good height from the floor, I was pushed down upon the said floor by one Jack Rowles, my play-fellow, his Father being threshing below, when it was expected I should have been taken up dead, but I had no hurt.

Afterwards, when I was likewise a little boy at my Father's, then living
 10 at the Vicarage House, at White Waltham, I fell from an high Elm Tree without hurt.

Afterwards, being likewise a little boy, while we lived also at the Vicarage House, I fell from an Oak considerably high without any damage.

And soon after that, getting up [*sic*] a horse, that was unlucky, without Bridle or Saddle or Pannel, in the vicarage close of an Acre of Ground, the horse run away immediately with me round the ground, dashed me against a stooping apple Tree, the Horse being small passing under it, when it was thought my brains had been dashed out (& my legs or
 20 Arms broke by the fall, for I fell from the Horse), but I received only a Bruise in the Head, *weh* was soon cured by a woman (Mrs. Ford) in the parish, whose father-in-Law told us then of a person that was killed immediately upon the spot, by his being run away with by his horse at Feens in that parish, his Brains being beat out thereby, and the very bark broke off the tree by the violence of the stroke.

I might here add other providential escapes. But I forbear. These were put down upon reading Spinckes's Life by Blackbourne.

June 23 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for June 21:—

Whereas it was inserted in our Mercury of the 24th of May last and in
 30 several other newspapers that Mrs. Kath. Salmon of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, who died last April, was daughter to John Bradshaw, Esq., serjeant at Law and President of the pretended High Court of Justice, who sat on the Tryal of King Charles I and first signed the Warrant for his Execution; this is to let the Publick know that it was a gross Mistake, for the said deceased Gentlewoman was one of the Daughters of the Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Bradshaw, minister of Willingham in Cambridgeshire, who often declared he was no ways related to the President Bradshaw, and did upon all occasions express a very great Abhorrence of his Behaviour to the King.

In the year 1727 was printed at the Theatre in Oxford, a Catalogue
 40 of the Oxford Graduates between Oct. 10, 1659, and Oct. 10, 1727. The Preface was written (tho' there be no notice taken of it) by Mr. Rich. Peers, superior Beadle of Arts and Physic of the Univ. of Oxon., who first published the said Catalogue of Graduates in 1688, with a dedication to Dr. Ironside (*weh* is in this Ed. of 1727 omitted). Afterwards were three continuations added by Mr. Peter Cox, Mr. Peer's successor, whereof the first continuation takes in the continuation from 1688 to 1690 that had been done by Mr. Gerard Langbaine, who succeeded, as superior Beadle of Law, Mr. Christopher Wase, about which consult Wood in *Ath. Oxon.* All the four parts were at length reduced to one
 50 Alphabet, and an addition to the said year 1727 inserted; but frequent

complaints are made of the inaccuracy and defects of the performance, due regard being not had to the Registers, which should have been nicely examined.

June 24 (Thur.). Lord Oxford, in a Letter from London of the 10th, tells me he hath made diligent search after Mr. Wanley's design with respect to his publishing a volume of our historians, but can find nothing, except two transcripts in his own hand of two MSS. in the Cottonian Library. One is *Annales Dunstapliae* (MS. Tib. A. 10), containing 176 pages of writing; the other, *Benedictus Abbas* (Julius A. 11), containing 277 pages.

What he designed to do with these, my Lord cannot tell. I take it for granted he intended to have printed both, and that it was all that he had done in order to a Volume. I never saw either Author; but Dr. Smith, in his Catalogue, speaks well of the latter, and I think I heard Mr. Wanley commend the former, when he was last in Oxford.

Mr. Wanley has sometimes talked with my Lord about publishing a volume from the Harleyan Library, but never said what the MSS. were.

My Lord hath met with some good MSS. lately, of which he will give me an account (he says) soon.

June 25 (Fri.). Mr. Edward Lye, in a Letter from Little Houghton, 20 April 21, 1731, tells me he saw lately in a Gentleman's study, among several MSS. which are for the most part modern and relate to the Law, one of Caxton's performances treating of the Game of Chess, &c., written in the year 1474. Ask him whether it be not really a printed book.

Mr. Lye hath examined my Lord Northampton's MSS., which are not very curious. There are two missals, an imperfect History of England, the Voyages of the E. of Cumberland in the years, if he remembers right, 1582 &c.

He says he should be glad to have my opinion concerning the celibacy of the clergy in King Edw. I's reign.

I know not what he means by it. He may consult Wharton of the Celibacy of the Clergy. Merton College was founded in the beginning of that reign. The Founder & men of his Virtues were for single men in Colleges; & they thought it most becoming Clergymen to devote themselves intirely to Religion & Learning, and to be freed from the Incumbrances of Wives and Children.

June 26 (Sat.). Mr. Loveday tells me there is now in the Common Hall at Yarmouth, a *Tabula Pensilis*, a Transcript (as he takes it) of that printed in Leland's Collectanea, vol. vi. It bears this Title: 'De Antiquitate & Fundatione burge Magnae Jernemuthae in comitatu 40 Norfolciae & de aliis rebus gestis ita patet in recordis veteribus; Ad tabulas veteres exscripsit Thomas Royall, A.D. 1712, majore Samuele Wakeman armigero.'

June 27 (Sun.). On p. 57 of *Marmora Arundelliana* is an Inscription, printed from Mr. Camden's MSS. additions to his *Britannia*, p. 595, web copy I now have. But Selden hath printed it wrong. So hath Reinesius from Selden.

Henry Grey, E. of Kent, was a great friend of Mr. Selden's. He lived at his seat at Wrest, in Bedfordshire. His Lady Eliz. (who was a Talbot) was likewise a great friend of Selden's.

Selden mentions both of them with honour in the end of his Preface to *Marmoræ Arundellianæ*. Selden used to retire to Wrest.

June 28 (Mon.). Selden was never married. I have often heard it said (how justly I know not) that he often lay with the Countess of Kent, who was a Lady that loved books and learning, and was fond of him.

June 29 (Tu.). Sir W^m Whitlock's memorials of the English Affairs
10 being grown scarce, Proposals are published by some Booksellers for reprinting them.

June 30 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for June 28:—

'Tis written from Cambridge that a certain Doctor has been detected and confessed the stealing of several books from St. John's College and other places.

I hear many of the said books are very voluminous, that they were stolen out of a publick Library at Cambridge by a Clergyman, and as publicly as insolently sold by Auction in London by the Theifs.¹

July 1 (Thur.). Mr. Samuel Jebb took the Degree of M.D. at
20 Rheims. He is in Holy Orders and has publickly worn the habit, which he has now thought fit to throw off, tho' there is no reason why he may not practise Physick in a gown, as well as the R. Rev. Mr. Wagstaffe did for many years from the Confusions of 1688. Dr. Mead is his particular friend, and hath done, and continues to do, great matters for him. He hath published many books, and notwithstanding his practise of Physick and his marrying a fortune, he still acts the part of an Editor, being

June 29, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 64). Did not know that Alexander Nevyl's Apologia was printed. His *Kettus* was written at the suggestion of Archbishop Parker, who gave him the reward of £100. He was brother to Dr. Thomas Nevyl, Master of Trin. Coll. and Dean of Canterbury, 'ex nobili familia natus'. Has seen a copy of the account of Charles II's escape from Worcester, now in Dr. Waterland's possession, but was not allowed to make a transcript. Believes Wickliff's Testament, 'which you are not solicitous about,' to be in forwardness. 'You will have enough in the Prints of a loss here in books, so I shall not trouble you with a further account. All I can say is that the criminal was originally an Oxford man, so your University will have a share in the disgrace.'¹

June 30, 1731. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 86). Agrees with H. that the style of Alexander Nevyl is elegant. Bishop Godwyn thought highly of him and inserted the greater part of his history of the Bishops of Norwich in his own Commentary.

July 1, 1731. H. to A. Van Sittart (*draft*; Rawl. 27 C. 253). Would have sent the book [see letter, June 21] to Shottesbrook, had he known that Van Sittart was in the country. The money may be sent in any way.

July 1, 1731. James Gibson to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 325). See Diary, July 6, which is copied from this letter.

¹ See Diary, Aug. 13.—Ed.

a man of Learning and Industry. He is a Nonjuror, and by that means (as other Nonjurors are) kept from Preferment.

July 2 (Fri.). Yesterday, Trinity College returned Mr. Stockwell and Mr. Huddesford to the Bp of Winchester, Visitor of that College, who is to fix upon one of them for Head of that College.

July 3 (Sat.). Yesterday Mr. Owen of All Souls told me that Lord Oxford saw their imperfect Vellum Durandus's *Rationale Divinorum Officiorum*, when he was here in Oxford, something more than a year ago, when his Lordship told him at the same time that he had got a very fine perfect one of the same. Mr. Owen said Lord Pembroke had one ¹⁰ also, and that there are several others, all as he thought Vellum. Quære.

Mr. Anstis, Garter, has, I hear, purchased much from Le Neve's MSS. and by that means will get at the knowledge of what Le Neve designed should have been secured, at least one century, under strong locks and keys.

Mr. Anstis is still on his MS. about his son's right as founder's kinsman to All Souls Coll., which Archbishop Wake has basely judged against him, but nothing can surprize from those Quarters.

July 4 (Sun.). Yesterday died of a Consumption at Mr. Ives, the Apothecarie's in Oxford, Barbara (commonly called my Lady Bab) the ²⁰ sister of the present Earl of Litchfield and wife of Charles Brown, Esq., son of Sir Charles Brown of Kiddington near Woodstock. She was 34 years of age, was a fine sweet-tempered Lady, as is also her husband a very handsome Gentleman, and they were a mighty loving Couple. She had one Child by him, a daughter, who is living. [She was carried out of Oxford late at night, Wed. July 7, to Kiddington, and the next day buried there].

On Friday last the Rev. Mr. Scott, M.A., who had been incorporated in that Degree from Dublin, took the Degrees of B.D. and D.D. as an Accumulator & a member of St. Mary Hall. He is a worthy man.¹ ³⁰

July 5 (Mon.). From MSS. Additions to the *Athenae Oxonienses* in 2 vols., Lond. 1721, by Dr. Rawlinson, lent me by him Sat., May 22, 1731.

[Then follow some pages of Rawlinson's Additions, to which Hearne also in some cases makes additions. The collection of MSS. in the Bodleian known as Rawlinson J. contains the materials collected by Rawlinson with a view to another edition of the *Athenae Oxonienses*, and among them is the copy that was lent to Hearne.]

July 3, 1731. M. Folkes to H. (Rawl. 5. 84). Dr. Mead having lent him the MS. of Johannes ab Arden *de fistula in ano*, he sends to H. a transcript of the passage where the death of the Black Prince is mentioned. Is sorry that when he visited Oxford he was so cramped for time that he could scarce have the pleasure of seeing H.

July 4, 1731. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (transcript; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 24). Is not permitted to enter the Bodleian, but Mr. Sliford is competent to transcribe there. 'I cannot think your MSS. of Dodsworth ever belonged to Oxford.'

¹ Note at the end of the volume: 'On Sunday, July 4, died Mr W^m Findall, one the Theater Printers, an honest man, at his house in St. Gyles's Oxford, aged more than fourscore. Buried at Marston near Oxon., Tuesday, July 6.'

July 6 (Tu.). The Rev. Mr. Thomas Mason, late minister of Lurgashall near Brill in Bucks., used to value himself on account of wrestling before K. Char. II. Indeed he had been a very stout, lusty man, & was eminent for Backsword playing, wrestling, and cocking & other sports. As for his Study of Books, since his death it has been searcht thoroughly by his eldest son Captain Mason, who filled a trunk and a box with books, ^{weh} were sent to London. After which he ordered abundance of books and papers to be burned. An old woman carried down many lapfulls of papers & printed books to burn, & for fear any should be taken
 10 away the Captain followed her down and saw 'em burned himself. No antiquities in his Study can be heard of.

July 7 (Wed.). Cirencester seems to me to have been a mint Town, and an odd Coin of Carausius found there and given me lately by Mr. Ballard of Campden seems to me to have been struck there.

Mr. Ballard hath carefully looked over his Roman Coins, which were found at Cirencester, and hath discovered a C. upon the Ex[erge] of three pieces (two of Allectus and one of Carausius) which he thinks is a plain Demonstration of their being coined at Corinium. He can't conceive to what other place it can be applied (Constantinople being built
 20 many years after) and, our Corinium being such a famous Roman city, for ought that he can see we may be positive that those pieces were there coined.

July 8 (Thur.). Mr. West hath inspected at my Request the several Books in the Cotton Library, besides what he had done formerly, of Whethamstede. Nero C. vi, being his first, relates only to the Greek and Roman worthies, except in the later part, where some account is given of John Wickliff, Huss, and Jerom of Prague. Tiberius D. v., his second Part, hath nothing but what entirely relates to the Roman Biography, and Claudius D. i. is only an Entry of the Law Proceedings, Fines, Recoveries
 30 and Convictions, of the Abbey Lands. The Royal Society MS. *de viris illustribus* is only a copy of the two parts of the Granary.

July 9 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., July 5 :—

The great Affair which has been so long depending between the Bishop of Ely and Dr. Bentley is determined in favour of the Bishop [viz. that the Bishop is Visitor of Trin. Coll.]

Gilbert Parker, Esq., one of the Registers of the Ecclesiastical Courts in the City of Canterbury and eldest son to Dr. Parker, sometime Bishop of Oxford and Archdeacon of Canterbury, is dead.

NB. He was elder Brother to the late Mr. Samuel Parker.

40 **July 10 (Sat.).** Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Euseby Isham, brother of Sr Justinian Isham, and son of the late Sr Justinian Isham, was unanimously elected Rector of Lincoln College in the room of Dr. Morley, deceased. He is an ingenious, good-natured, honest man. He told me

July 6, 1731. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 310). Hopes Mr. Isham will be elected Rector of Lincoln. Advises him not to give as much as £5 for the Chronicon Nurembergense for Lincoln Library [see also Diary, July 8].

on Thursday, the 24th of June last, that he did not intend to marry, but if he did marry, he would quit the Headship immediately upon matrimony, being of opinion that every Head of House (whether College or Hall) ought to be single. He added that if he were chosen (as there was no doubt but he would), he would have no regard in the electing Fellows and Scholars of the College, or in filling up any office, to any Solicitation whether by Letter or otherwise, but would be guided purely and wholly by merit, so as not to be byassed by any Friend or Relation whatever, and that therefore in such cases even his nearest Relations should have no influence over him.

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July 11 (Sun.). Mr. George Huddesford, being pitched upon as Head or President of Trinity College in Oxford, by the B^p of Winchester, Visitor of that College, he was brought into Town yesterday in the afternoon, and admitted and installed at Prayer Time.

Mr. Ballard hath been very happy in procuring a very great number of most beautifull (and some very valuable) coins, being almost 60 different Emperours and Empresses, w^{ch} he says, if I desire it, he will draw up a Catalogue of and send.

To ask Mr. Baker of Cambridge, whether he knows anything of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, namely, whether he were of that University, 20 and whether he took a Degree. He is called Dr. Thomas Wilkinson in the printed Catalogue of Peter Le Neve's books, p. 109, num. 833, where is this title: *A miscellany of things very observable, relating to the Illustrious Family of the Nevills, by Dr. Tho. Wilkinson.* It was purchased by Mr. Salter Bacon. This Wilkinson was Vicar of Laurence Waltham, near Ockingham in Berks. He was well acquainted (& held a Correspondence by Letters) with Mr. Ashmole. He was well versed in our History and Antiquities, particularly in Heraldry. The old people of Laurence Waltham & those parts frequently speak of him with respect to this day. He had Laurence Waltham conferred upon him by one of the 30 Nevills of Billingbear, w^{ch} is in that parish, a little way from Brick Bridge, to w^{ch} Bridge our Princes frequently come at their times of hunting in Windsor Forest. I remember, when I was a little boy, I saw the Prince of Orange there in his Coach, at w^{ch} time he staid there in his Coach in the open common, the Country people all the time gazing upon him with great pleasure and satisfaction, while he eat and drank (and discoursed in Dutch, as I remember) with some in the Coach with him. He staid there at least two Hours before the Deer, w^{ch} was secured in an adjoining wood, was started. A little way from this Bridge was a very large pleasant Oak, said to be the biggest in England, called Nan's Oak, because tradition 40 reported that K. James I's Queen (Q. Anne) was much delighted with it, and that she sickened under it, and some say this sickness proved mortal. The tree was cut down in the beginning of K. James II's reign (to the no small Resentment of the Country People) by order of W^m Cherry, Esq., Father of, but of different Principles from, my late best Friend, Mr. Francis Cherry.

July 12 (Mon.). The Rev. Mr. John Penny, a Lancashire Clergyman, who took the Degree of M.A. as a member of X^t Church on June 25, 1707, told me on July 8, 1731, when I accidentally met him in

St. Edward's Street in Oxford, that he hath got a MS. relating to the Cistercian Abbey of Delacres in Staffordshire, written in Q. Elizabeth's reign, in ^{weh} is an account of all the Crimes alledged against the Monks of the said Abbey at the Dissolution. The said Mr. Penny was formerly Curate to Dr. South at Islip near Oxford.

July 13 (Tu.). Yesterday, I perused, being put into my hands for that end by Mr. Loveday, a MS. in vellum in 4^{to}, that I borrowed out of Magd. Coll. Library, Oxon., marked thus in the Catalogue : *No. 69 Historia Edwardi III & continuatio Ranulphi Higden.* I formerly
 10 printed *Vita Ricardi II per anonymum*, and I am now printing by the same anonymous, as I take it, *Historia Edwardi III.* But the Hystory of both these Princes in this Magd. Coll. MS. is both shorter & more imperfect, as well as less correct, than what I have done, & am doing, on that subject, and indeed is nothing, as it were, but an Extract out of Walsingham, whereas Walsingham himself appears to me to have used the anonymous Author I put out. And tho' the Magdalen MS. ends with the Battle of Harfleet in Hen. V's reign, yet whatever follows after the death of Ric. II is wholly extracted & abridged from Walsingham, & is very faultily written.

20 July 14 (Wed.). Yesterday I saw an old Vellum MS. containing the ancient monastical Statutes of the Benedictine Abbey of Durham, and of all the Cells and lesser Houses belonging to the same. It was shewed me by Mr. Crynes the Beadle, who hath had it a good while in his hands, and told me the Book is really Dr. Robert Shippen's, and that the said Dr. Shippen hath many more old MSS. ^{weh} belonged to the Dr's father. I remember that among other remarkable particulars in this MS. (which I did but, as it were, just see) is one about women's coming to the Religious Houses, I mean into the precincts of them, and that they are particularly prohibited allowance,¹ it being not granted so much as to the
 30 mothers or sisters of the Religions.

Mr. Willis was in Oxford last week, and went out of Town on Monday the 12th, but I heard nothing of his coins of Ric. II and Ric. III. His silver piece of Hen. VIII (said to be a five shilling piece) is ingraved, but I certainly take it to be a medal, & so does Dr. Tanner, as the Dr. told me yesterday.

July 16 (Fri.). Dr. Conybeer, Rector of Exeter Coll., hath a Book ready for the Press, in answer to a Book called *Christianity as old as the Creation*, ^{weh} the late Mr. Collins is reported to have written with the assistance of Dr. Tyndale, tho' now it goes commonly under the name of
 40 Tyndale. Dr. Waterland is said to assist Conybeer.

July 17 (Sat.). I do not remember to have met with the word *cancelli* in any old inscription. Neither does Dr. Tanner, as he told me last Tuesday, when he shewed me the Dorchester Inscription in ^{weh} that word occurs. The Dr. says, he thinks his Copy was taken from Mr. Fysher's, since it agrees with it.

The Dr. at that time told me that there is nothing in Boston of Bury

¹ Hearne means *admittance* or *allowance* of *admittance*.—Ed.

about Hemyngford, and that most of that work is about Scholastic Writers, & the Memorandums but short.

Mr. Constable hath some design of writing that part of the Antiquities of Yorkshire that relates to Holderness.

The old House by the Garden just on the left hand (as we go from Oxford) near Heddington, commonly called Snow's house from one Snow that lived there, was pulled down in 1730, & a new one built a little distance from it northeastwards by Dr. John Marten, M.D. of Merton College.

July 18 (Sun.). Mr. Wm Slyford, who formerly wrote for Peter Le Neve, Esq., told me yesterday that the said Le Neve's collections and Remarks and Observations, relating to Norfolk and Suffolk, are all in loose scraps of Paper, and that 'twill be very difficult to digest and methodize them.

July 19 (Mon.). Mr. Onslowe, I have been told, Speaker of the House of Commons, has desired Mr. Willis to proceed with his *Notitia Parliamentaria* (of w^{ch} he published two Volumes many years agoe, but left off because the Book would not sell, or else because people did not care to write things for him), offering him an hundred Pounds on that account; but, it seems, Mr. Willis insists upon two hundred Pounds.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker whether Dr. Nathaniel Johnston were of Cambridge, and when 'twas he was entered and took his Degrees. He spent many years in collecting materials for writing the History and Antiquities of Yorkshire, particularly the West Riding. Mr. Wood speaks of it, and tells us that he had heard he was weary of the work. See Wood's Ath., vol. i, col. 699, Ed. 1, and col. 15 of the Fasti in Ed. 2 of vol. ii; but he was misinformed; however in that Mr. Wood is right, that he tells us Lord Fairfax lent him Mr. Dodsworth's Collections before they came to Bodley. For the Dr. most certainly perused & read them all over, & not only extracted from, but even transcribed several of them, as I found by Memorandums in them, when several years ago I several times perused all the volumes of Dodsworth that are in Bodley. Dr. Nicholson speaks contemptuously of Dr. Johnston, but very undeservedly. For he was certainly a very worthy man, & qualified for what he undertook, & was superior to Nicholson, notwithstanding his boasting. I know not what year he died, but he was living in 1703,

July 18, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 65) [see Diary, Aug. 10]. 'The thief' you speak of, I really pity, he having been otherwise a man of worth and learning, & tho' his crimes be notorious, yet having had some little acquaintance with him & having once been obliged by him, I had rather they should be reported by any one than me. I often reflect upon a Distich in one of your books of a good old Abbot to his monks:

Peccantem damnare cave; nam labimur omnes;

Aut sumus, aut fuimus, vel possumus esse quod hic est.'

July 18, 1731. H. to the Hon. Cuthbert Constable, Esq. (*transcript*; Bodl. MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 26). Dr. Nathaniel Johnston made collections for a history of Yorkshire; they are said to be at the Heralds' Office.

¹ See Diary Aug. 13.—Ed.

when he wrote to his Correspondent, my late friend, Dr. Thomas Smith, prescribing what would be proper, if he should have any symptoms of an Apoplexie. He was a very honest man & much respected by men of probity. His MSS. collections, w^{ch} contained a great number of particulars besides what he had from Dodsworth, are (I am well assured) in the Heralds' Office.

One Arthur Collins is writing the Baronage of England, w^{ch} is to be in five Volumes in folio. He was formerly a Bookseller, being Partner with Abel Roper. He is the same that did the Baronettage of England, 10 in w^{ch} Mr. Anstis had some hand.

July 20 (Tu.). Mr. Willis who hath already a very good Collection of English Coins is improving it as much as he can.

Dr. Tanner is mightily for having an Account of our English coins drawn up and published, and he would have all that can assist in the work.

Byster King's-end, and Bister Market-end, two different Towns formerly. Byster King's-end belonged to the Duke of Lancaster, and enjoyed great Privileges. So did Kyrtington.

July 21 (Wed.). On Monday last was a great disturbance at 20 Dorchester, about the Stone found there, and a Constable was forced to be called to keep the Peace, some body having given a guinea for the stone, and ordered it to be carried off, but 'twas hindered by the Lord of the Mannour, said to be the Earl of Abbington's, interposing:

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 19 :—

At the Races near Reading on Tuesday the 13th, one Price, who commonly rode for Mr. Shepherd and was then on his horse *Brown Dercey*, running a fourth Heat, was killed on the spot by jostling against one of the Posts.

NB. His name was Thomas Brice, son of one Brice of Heddington near Oxford. He was 20 years of age or somewhat better, was a sober, 30 civil fellow, not guilty of swearing, & beloved by all. He was looked upon as the best Jockey in England, would most certainly have won the Plate, had not this accident happened, & lived with his master Shepherd near Lambourne. His death was lamented by all.

July 20, 1731. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 147). Not having heard from H. since June 16, is apprehensive of his health and welfare [See Diary, July 28, taken from this letter]. 'It is said Mr. Calvert is on his return from Maryland. Lord Oxford is become, as they say, a courtier, and who indeed can resist the charms of such a court as the present. A gent. informs me the *Geogius* halfpence were very common with you; they are here very rare. . . . Mr. Griffin [see Diary, July 28] has generously, tho' not very wisely, left the legacy of £150 bequeathed to him by my late brother, though under his own hand he has assured me, as he has examined by his friends' accounts, that after debts paid there will be no such residue; nor shall I think the reason the legacy is founded on sufficient to move me to disburse of my own, so that as to Legacys, my Brother's will, if matters rise not better than already, may prove like that of [?] D. Diego or Wickhams. I am preparing for a conclusion next winter & hope before that is ever [*sic*] to do you justice, which has been always more in my inclination than power, as I have been oft bullied by Bond Creditors and even blamed, however rational the design, for permitting Book Creditors to buy out at sales.'

July 22 (Thur.). Yesterday, Mr. Beckett of Abington, the Chirurgeon, told me that one Clements of London, Chirurgeon, owing him some money, put into his hands the MS. of Arden *de fistula in ano*, but afterwards paying him, he restored him the Book, and that he, the said Clements, then let Dr. Mead have it.

Mr. Beckett hath one or two MSS. of the said Arden *de fistula in ano* himself, but nothing near so good as Dr. Mead's.

Sr Hans Sloane hath also one or more MSS. thereof, but nothing equal to Dr. Mead's.

A piece of the said Book of Arden's was formerly printed, but in 10 English, whereas the original is Latin.

Mr. Isham, Rector of Lincoln College, returned from the Bp of Lincoln, their Visitor, on Saturday last, and yesterday he treated the whole College very handsomely.

Mr. Beckett, however curious, knows nothing of the Dorchester altar, as he told me yesterday, and yet he came yesterday by Clifton, where he hath a patient, and never heard of it, as he told me, 'till I mentioned it. Nor did he pretend to talk in the least about it.

July 23 (Fri.). Yesterday, Mr. Richard Peers, Vicar of Faringdon in Berks., called upon me, and gave me the following note: 'At Great 20

July 22, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 58). Thanks for the *Life of Mr. Spinckes*. 'The edition of *Clemens Alex.* and *The Sufferings of the Clergy* (which he¹ reckons among the excellent books encouraged by Mr. Spinckes) are mean. Watts of your College conduced towards spoyling the latter. The Life of Bp. Stillingfleet was written by Dr. Timothy Goodwin, who had been the Bishop's Chaplain, and was afterwards a Prelate himself. This Goodwin was a Leyden physitian, lived afterwards with us at Edmund Hall for some time, where he wore a sword, had no practice, flattered Dr. John Mill the Principal, got to be Master of Arts, sold his Physick Books to a Gentleman-Commoner (of whom he had the care) of that Hall (who put them into the Hall Library) and by Dr. Mill's means became Chaplain to Stillingfleet. This Goodwin was a white-livered, stingy, sneaking man, yet much cryed up by Dr. Mill &c.' Remarks that Dr. Mill had planned an Edition of Hippolytus, for which Dr. Dodwell was to have written a dissertation. 'Tis a very great mistake in your Additions to Wood, when you say *Dr. Thomas Crosthwait dyed a Nonjuror at Oxford 4 Feb. 17⁹⁸, where he was buried.* He dyed Jan. 30, 17⁹⁸, in Queen's College, where he was buried in the old Chappell, since pulled down. He was a very honest man, a Nonjuror, and an admirable School-Divine. . . . I heard nothing of Mr. Griffin's death till you told me. The last time I saw him (which was more than two months since) was in Mr. Richard Clements's shop in Oxford. He was quite drowned with dropsy, was in a very weak condition, and I easily saw he could not conquer it, and he knew it full well himself. I knew nothing of his affairs, any more than that he was a Bishop, had been consecrated by Mr. Collier, and that your brother left him a legacy (what I knew not till you told me) but that 'twas not paid (a thing I was informed of by Mr. Clements) and 'twas questioned whether it ever would be paid. . . . Mr. Welton hath a son of Brazenose. I hear he is B.A. and at present serves as Curate at Nettlebed near Henley. Will it be proper for me to stile our friend William Bedford, *Esq.*, when I print his name next?'

¹ i. e. the Author of the Life.—Ed.

Faringdon, Berks., in an old Churchwardens' book of accounts, bearing date 1518, there is the Form (as we suppose) of there admitting Churchwardens into their office in the following words, viz. " Cherchye Wardenys, thys shall be your charge to be true to God and to the Cherche, for love nor favor off no man wythe in thys pariche to wthold any Ryght to the cherche but to resseve the Dettys to hyt belongythe or ellys to goo to the devill."

July 24 (Sat.). Quaere what is become of W^m Horman's Collectanea quoted sometimes by Bale and Pitts.

- 10 Remember to ask Dr. Tanner particularly about the said Horman. He died Ap. 12, 1535. He was a Cambridge man¹; therefore Mr. Baker perhaps can tell something of him. There is an account of him in Bale.

July 25 (Sun.). Mr. Dale, the Herald, was anxious about the life of Hen. V, and used to talk about it with Mr. Bagford, to whom he shewed in the White Tower the Proclamation for the apprehending Sr John Oldcastle, the Lord Cobham. This Proclamation Mr. Holmes afterwards copied for me at my Request, and I printed it at the end of Titus Livius Foro-juliensis, from whence some body, I know not whether that vile wretch Lewis of Margate, hath since pirated it in Bale's Account of Sr
20 John Oldcastle, that was lately reprinted.

July 26 (Mon.). I take Dorchester in Oxfordshire to have been the chief city of the Dobuni, which contained Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. It was, therefore, the most proper place to have an Altar erected to Jupiter and the Emperors then reigning. Accordingly, I take the Altar lately found there, to be erected at that place, as the most considerable City of that province, the people of w^{ch} therefore used to do their sacrifice there, where was likewise, as I believe, a Temple, of w^{ch} the *Cancelli* are mentioned in the Inscription on the said Altar, and here also games were celebrated in honour of the Emperors. It might, therefore, be stiled
30 *Civitas νεωκόρος*, though there were *νεωκόροι* that were particular persons, that had the care of the Temples like our churchwardens. Indeed, after Gallienus's time, we do not find on coins mention of *civitates νεωκόροι*, notwithstanding w^{ch} I do not question but the chief cities of Provinces enjoyed the same Privileges as the Cities did that are called on coins *civitates νεωκόροι*, many years after, and ought therefore to be looked upon as such, especially since they were Metropoles.

July 27 (Tu.). Yesterday, Mr. Zinzan and Mr. Nicholas, Master-Demies of Magd. Coll. Oxon., were elected Fellows of that College.

July 23, 1731. William Fullerton to H. (Rawl. 5. 128). 'Two days ago I received your fifty pounds; I shall be glad to have your directions how to remitt it.'

July 26, 1731. H. to Fullerton (*draft*; (Rawl. 5. 129). Asks that the money [see July 23] may be sent by Godfrey, the waggoner.

July 27, 1731. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 311). Kit Bateman, the

¹ 'So Bale and Pits; but Mr. Wood in his *Athenae* shows it to be false.' Note by Hearne.

To enquire of Mr. Baker whether he knows of what University Mr. Edmund Bolton was. This Edmund Bolton was, as it seems, a Catholick. He was in favour with George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham. He was an excellent Historian and Antiquary. His design of writing the History of England was laudable, but he made no great progress. His life of Hen. II is in Speed. He was great with Sr Rob. Cotton. He was one of the Society of Antiquaries. He was well versed in ancient Medals and Coins.

July 28 (Wed.). Mr. John Griffin took the degree of M.A. as a member of Merton College, on Feb. 14, 1708, and was Rector of 10 Saresden in Oxfordshire, which he threw up about 1715, upon account of the Oaths, and was, as I am informed, consecrated a Bishop by Mr. Collier, &c., Nov. 25, 1722, and dyed of a dropsy on Thursday, the 8th of this inst. July, 1731, and was buried the 9th, being Friday.

Mr. Robert Duncan, formerly one of the Scots Exhibitioners of Balliol College, as a member of which he took the degree of M.A., April 16, 1706, but quitted it on account of the Oaths, dyed lately, so honest & poor that he was buried at Mr. Arthur Trevor's expense in St. Martin's Churchyard in the fields, London. We have lost a modest, virtuous, and ingenious man, one *tam Marte quam Mercurio*, as he has proved 20 more than once. I was well acquainted with him, & found him always of a cheerfull Temper, but guilty of no vice whatsoever.

July 29 (Thur.). On Thursday last, being the 22nd inst., died Mr. Christopher Bateman of Paternoster Rowe, London, bookseller, and was buried on Monday night, July 26, at the church of St. Gregory near St. Paul's. He had been a most noted Bookseller and was looked upon as a very honest man. He understood Books incomparably well, and always was so fair in selling that a child might purchase as easily as a man of skill. As he used to buy whole Studies, so 'twas his way to put a reasonable or moderate Price upon each, so as not to alter the Prices 30 after they were fixed, *weh* as it produced a quick sale, so it made him much esteemed, and people were sure that they were not cheated. I knew him for near thirty years, and ever found him an open, single-hearted, cheerfull man, above the world, and so regardless of money, that tho' he might have acquired a great Estate, yet he died but poor, *weh* was in some measure occasioned by an ill, undutiful son, and a faithless servant. Some years ago he gave off his Trade, but afterwards took to it again, but the second setting up would not do.

July 30 (Fri.). Yesterday, in the afternoon, called upon me Mr. Thomas Rawlins of Pophills in Warwickshire. He told me he only 40 lent Mr. West the little quarto MS. about Oxford, written by Mr. Wood's own hands, with a desire that Mr. West would deliver it to me. Mr. West

bookseller, is dead, and was buried July 26. Is glad Hearne has procured a copy of Alexander Nevyl. [See also Diary, July 31.]

July 28, 1731. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 256). 'I find myself much obliged to you for the care you have taken to vindicate my Father's worthy memory.' Sends H. a book, apparently by J. W.'s father. [See Diary, Aug. 30.]

just shewed it me in Sept. last, but I had seen it before, Mr. Rawlings having shewed it me himself here at Oxford ; but I never had an opportunity of reading it, tho' I had a great desire to do it, when I was upon Caius. Mr. Rawlins told me Mr. West had lately restored it to him, and Mr. Rawlins promised to lend it to me, & to send it by the Carrier. Mr. West hath got a Copy of it, as I learn from what Mr. West some time since wrote to me, viz. that he had then employed one to transcribe it, and that it would be done speedily. If I have not the Original (w^{ch} Mr. Rawlins said Mr. West had lent, for some time before he restored it, 10 to the Earl of Oxford) I can have Mr. West's Transcript, Mr. West having kindly offered to communicate it to me.

Mr. Rawlins said, he designed to write the Life of Dr. Pocock, and to prefix a print of him from the Picture now in Bodley.

Mr. Rawlins hath a great number of Papers (many of w^{ch} are Letters of learned men to Dr. Pocock) that will be of signal use and service in the Work.

He hath 26 Original Letters of Selden's to Dr. Pocock relating to Maimonides.

A Collection of the Letters, at least the chief Letters of these great men, 20 would be proper to be printed with it, as would some other Papers that Mr. Rawlins hath.

Mr. Humphrey Smith, a very worthy man of Dartmouth, spent several years in writing Dr. Pocock's Life in English. Quære what is become of it.

It is not material, but rather trivial, to say anything of Dr. Pocock's Tutor, provided it can be obtained.

July 31 (Sat.). Mr. West lately met with a small Pamphlet in 4^{to} bound up with the Arminian Nunnery, at Little Gidding, and intituled 'Collectarium mansuetudinum et bonorum morum Regis Henrici VI ex 30 Collectione magistri Iohannis Blakman bacchalaurei theologie et post Cartusiae monachi Londini.' 'Tis printed in the old black Letter by Cowpland, with the figure of a King in his Robes, having the Scepter in one hand and a Book in the other. Mr. West takes it to have been wrote at the command of Hen. VII, when he was endeavouring with Pope Julius for the Canonization of Hen. VI. I do not remember to have ever seen this Book. Archbishop Usher had seen John Blakman's MSS. Collections, w^{ch} probably contained a great many other things relating to the Carthusians & their Benefactors. Our published coeaval Histories are very barren with respect to this Prince, which there- 40 fore makes any Thing of that Age about him to be much valued. He was a pious, tho' very weak Prince. The Carthusians had most

July 31, 1731. Sam. Knight to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 26). Asked Dr. Tanner to see what there is in the Ashmolean Museum about Bishop Grossthead, but he could not owing to some squabble about the choice of a Keeper ; and now he is not likely to return soon to Oxford as he is designed for the Bishopric of St. David's. Therefore asks H. to undertake the search. 'Cousin Graves' is designing a monument to his father at Mickleton, and would like H. or Mr. West to compose an inscription.

deservedly a great opinion of him, notwithstanding the weakness of his Title to the Crown, and did what they could for his honour.

Aug. 1 (Sun.). Yesterday, Mr. Rawlins shewed me an Almanack of Rider's for 1692, in w^{ch} Dr. Charlett had entered many Memorandums relating to Dr. Pocock, who died anno 1691.

Dr. Charlett intended to write Dr. Pocock's Life. His memorandums are broken scraps, and very imperfect. I believe he (Charlett) communicated many things to Mr. Humphrey Smith.

Mr. Rawlins, upon my advice, designs to write to Dartmouth, to enquire about Mr. Smith's Life of Dr. Pocock, w^{ch}, I believe, was quite 10 finished, at least there could be wanting very little to compleat it.

Dr. Charlett noted in the said Almanack that among Dr. Marshall's MSS. was a fuller account of St. Cuthbert than that done by Hegg.

Aug. 2 (Mon.). Dr. Charlett drew up an Alphabetical Catalogue of all the Presidents, Fellows, Scholars, Sojourners, Benefactors, &c., of Trinity Coll. Oxon., from the Foundation of that College to the year 1692, when he became Master of University College. Mr. Rawlins hath this MS., w^{ch} is in 8^{vo}. Mr. Rawlins carried it yesterday in the afternoon to the President of Trin. Coll., Mr. Huddesford, & insinuated that it ought to be continued. The President said he would consider the 20 matter, but Rawlins did not leave the Book with him, only telling him that if the President would get it continued and let him have a Copy of the Continuation, then he should have his. Dr. Charlett was entered of Trin. Coll. anno 1669.

Mr. Rawlins says he designs to print an account of all Dr. Charlett's Correspondents, but that he will print only ten Copies on purpose to give away, but not to be sold.

Mr. Rawlins (who went out of Town again this morning) told me last night, that he hath a Letter from Dr. Wake (now Archbishop of Canterbury) to Dr. Charlett, in w^{ch} he acknowledges his praying for the Prince 30 of Wales, now known by the name of the Chevallier de St. George Quære the date of it.

Thomas Gascoigne quotes *Chronica Dunelmensis Ecclesiae* as a notable Thing. See Mr. Harbin's Extracts, p. 302 of the IInd part of Gascoigne.

Aug. 3 (Tu.). On Thursday last, being July 29, Miss Hudson, the only Child of the late Dr. John Hudson (whose widow, who is likewise the widow of the late Dr. Anth. Hall, now lives at Eynsham), was married in Cowley Church near Oxford to S^r John Boyse, one of the Aldermen of Oxford's son. She is a very pretty young woman (just turned of twenty, being born July 24, 1711, [see Vol. 30 at the end]) of a very 40 good Fortune. Her Husband, now Commoner of Xt. Ch., is about the same age or hardly so much.

Aug. 4 (Wed.). Gascoigne quotes *Chronica Eveshamiensis* about papal Provisions, particularly about Robert of Grosthe'de's refusing the Pope's nephew. See Part II., p. 551. Lord Oxford hath *Chronica Eveshamiensis*. I must remember to borrow it of his Lordship, particularly for this thing.

Aug. 5 (Thur.). Mr. Dodwell used to prefer Burghers's print of Dr. Woodward's Shield, ^{weh} I published in Livy, and afterwards in Mr. Dodwell's *Dissertatio de Parma Equestri Woodwardiana*, to the larger Print that Dr. Woodward published himself. Indeed Burghers did it excellently well, as is also acknowledged by others who are concerned on that account, as I find some are, who endeavour to get Copies of Burghers's.

Tho' Mr. Wood's Sketch of the Ruines of Eynsham Abbey, ^{weh} is now in the Museum Ashmoleanum, be engraved, yet 'tis not done accurately, ¹⁰ nor is justice done to Mr. Wood, whose name is concealed, but of this I have taken notice formerly, nor is it therefore proper now to enlarge.¹

Aug. 6 (Fri.). Dr. Samuel Knight is now consulting about the Life of Robert Grossthead, ^{weh} he designs to write. I told him formerly of Mr. Wood's Collections on this Subject in the Ashmolean Museum, and now he wants to know whether they may be of service to him. 'Tis many years since I saw them, and the difference now with respect to a Keeper hinders me from inspecting them afresh, nor indeed have I inclination, and this very difference also hindered Dr. Tanner, to whom Dr. Knight wrote, as Dr. Tanner himself told Dr. Knight. As I remember, ²⁰ I was much pleased with Mr. Wood's observations, but I cannot say that another will, and 'tis withall probable that the chief of them may be taken by Mr. Wood himself into his *History and Antiq. of the University of Oxford*. Mr. Wood had consulted all or most of the things of Grossthead's that he knew of in Oxford, but he died before the printed Catalogue of MSS. came out, otherwise he might have learned more things relating to Grossthead than he was aware of. Besides, I think, Mr. Wood's thoughts were chiefly employed, when he was a young man, on this affair.

Aug. 7 (Sat.). Old goody Wiggins, that died about 12 years agoe ³⁰ & lived in Fryer's Entry in Oxford, wanted by three quarters of a year of one hundred, as I was told by one Smith, her son-in-law, this day, ^{weh} Smith is near fourscore himself.

Some years ago lived at Shifford near Bampton, in Oxfordshire, one

Aug. 5, 1731. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 114). Sends Wood's copy of Miles Windsor.

Aug. 5, 1731. William Fullerton to H. (Rawl. 5. 130). 'Being confined to the House yesterday & this morning is the reason I missed your Carier; so least business should prevent me next Wednesday, pray take the money of him at Oxford & give him a Bill upon me, which shall be answered upon sight whether I am at home or not.'

Aug. 5, 1731. Sir Philip Sydenham to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 212). Has paid his subscription money to Mr. Giles, bookseller, of Holborn, now in Holland.

Aug. 7, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 59). Thanks for a Curiosity. 'It is strange to me that Mr. Dodwell should not know what in it relates to Dr. Hicces.'

¹ Hearne is referring to Buck's print of Eynsham; see *Cartulary of Eynsham Abbey*, vol. ii, p. xlviii (O. H. S.); Ed.

Allen, famous for his knowledge in the secret Art, so that he was commonly looked upon as a Conjuror. He had many books that way, and great application used to be made to him to help people to things that were lost, &c. After his death, his Books, or most of them, came to one Cornelius of Oxford, who was also much celebrated, & he is much talked off [*sic*] to this day. After Cornelius's death, his Books came to one Stockford, a Glover, near Gloucester Hall in Oxford, who purchased them of Cornelius's daughter, who married one Kymber of Oxford, but he hath been dead several years. This Stockford, commonly called Old Stockford, was also a cunning man, & is likewise much talked off, but he was not so famous as Cornelius. After Stockford's death, the books were dispersed up and down, & much Inquiry is made after them. I have one in 8^{vo}, a MS. w^{ch} I think was one of them. 'Tis a MS. written in Q. Elizabeth's time, or rather in Q. Mary's, the date of 1557 being in it, where in p. 50 are these words: 'A true experiment proved in Cambridge, anno 1557, of three spirits to don [*sic*] in a Chamber, whose names are Durus, Artus, Æbedel.' This book belonged once to Moses Long who was also called A conjurer, as appears from this note at the beginning, 'Moses Long, 1683, Gloc. the Conjuror.'

Aug. 8 (Sun.). Mr. Baker never saw Boston of Bury, or any part of 20 a MS. of him. *Letter of Aug. 5, 1731.*

He knows no more of Dr. Nat. Johnston than that he took his Degree of Dr. of Physick in bad times. *Anno 1656, Nath. Johnson Coll. Regal. in Medicina Doctor.* He cannot meet with his first Degree & suspects he might take it in Scotland. They have no Register at King's College, except for those of the Foundation. Mr. Baker had some correspondence with him; he was much reduced in his old age, & in narrow circumstances. He lived, & Mr. Baker thinks dyed, at Mill Banck, Westminster, where his death may be heard of. *Ibid.*

Aug. 9 (Mon.).

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[From Bemerton Church, the inscription on John Norris who died 1711.]

Mr. Norris was a man most certainly of excellent parts and learning, and was often called Seraphick Norris. He was of a genteel, courteous behaviour, and a genteel courteous Writer, upon w^{ch} account he is also commended by Mr. Dodwell, at the same time that neither Mr. Dodwell nor any one else could or ought to commend that scurrilous Writer, Mr. Edmund Chishull.

Aug. 10 (Tu.). Yesterday, in the evening, I received from Thomas Rawlins of Pophills, Esq., Ant. Wood's Extracts in MS. from Miles Windsore's MSS. Collections in Bibl. Coll. Corpus X^{ti}. Mr. Rawlins 40 lends me this MS., w^{ch} is a small 4^{to} thing, to peruse.

The first edition of Durandus's Rationale, 1459, & the first except one that yet appears printed with Date, I hear from Mr. Baker, is in Lord Oxford's Library. The oldest that Mr. Baker hath seen in their Libraries at Cambridge is Argentinae, An. Dni. m cccc xciii. But the Pages or Folios are numbered at the top & signatures at the bottom.

Aug. 12 (Thur.). Last night, Mr. George Ballard, of Campden in Gloucestershire, called upon me with one Browne, a young man of Blockley, and we spent the evening together.

He told me of the death of the youngest Daughter (there being two) of my late friend Richard Graves, Esq. She died of the small Pox. She was the most beautifull creature Mr. Ballard ever saw. Her mother died of her in child Birth. She was about nine years of age.

Mr. Ballard then gave me a silver Groat of David II, King of Scots, coined anno 1357, after eleven years captivity at Odiham in Hampshire.
 10 It was coined at Edinburgh. It was found at Alcester (*vulgo* Ouster) in Warwickshire.

Aug. 13 (Fri.). The Person who stole Books lately at Cambridge, is named Phil. Nichols. He was originally of this University of Oxford, being a Commoner of Brazennose Coll. & esteemed a very ingenious, honest young man, and that Character he bore as long as he was there, & yet he was there seven years, taking the Degree of M.A. there June 8, 1722, after *weh* by a Lapse from the Fellows, Sr Nath. Lloyd, purely by his own authority, made him Fellow of Trinity Hall in Cambridge, *weh* Kindness made Sr Nathaniel the more enraged, when he was apprized of
 20 his great Crimes, *weh* were so notorious both with respect to stealing books and otherwise that they could not be hid nor put up, nor indeed ought they to be stifled, notwithstanding his being a Dr. of LL. & in orders, & otherwise a man of Parts and Learning. His wants, occasioned by his own Faults, put him upon stealing Books, *weh* he did very dextrously & boldly. He was expelled with great solemnity on the 4th inst. at Trin. Hall, the Master, Sir N. Lloyd, coming down from London on purpose, full of resentment & indignation. The Sentence was affixt upon the Gates of the College, as a Citation for his appearance had been many dayes before, both on the Chappell & his Chamber Doore. Two Volumes
 30 of my Leland's Itinerary (which Mr. Baker had given St. John's College) were found in his Chamber, being the last he had borrowed, & being portable Books had been conveyed away after the Lock was changed & his key could be of no use to him. The rest of the Volumes (no doubt) would have followed. He was certainly a very bold man that would venture to follow his old Trade after (he must needs know) he was suspected. For the Library Keeper watched him at that very time when these two volumes must have been carryed off, and yet he was too cunning for him. The rest of the Books had been openly sold at an Auction at London (the Class Marks standing on some of 'em), most large Volumes, Dr. Clark's
 40 Caesar's Commentaries being one, *weh* one would have thought could hardly have been carryed off without the help of a Porter, & yet he seems to have had no Assistance. He fled beyond Sea into Holland, as 'tis said, before Sentence.

Aug. 14 (Sat.). Wicklif's New Testament, it seems, is now publisht, with a long Preface by Lewis of Margate, who tho' a sorry fellow, yet Dr. Waterland is very deep in this Edition, and hath assisted in it so much.

Aug. 12, 1731. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 167) [*see* Diary, Sept. 17].

that the Preface is, as it were, wholly his, and indeed the management of the whole work is to be ascribed to him.

Yesterday, I met Mr. Fysher, as I came from Blind Pinnocks, in a Ground by Botley Pound, where he and two others were simpling.¹ He told me he was over at Dorchester again about a fortnight after his being first there, that Mr. Bateman of X^t Ch. was now with him, that the stone seems to have been out of Heddington Quarry; also that the u's are consonants.

Aug. 15 (Sun.). In Madg. Coll. Library, Cambridge, in Mr. Pepys's Collection, are three Volumes of the Heads of Great persons, digested in 10 order, ^{wh} are very usefull and very entertaining. Enquire of Sr Philip Sydenham, whether he still continues to collect the Heads of great persons in England.

I hear Mr. Parne is about a new Edition of Fleetwood's *Chronicon Pretiosum*, and that Mr. Baker is his assistant. Ask Mr. Baker. The said Mr. Parne is a worthy man.

Enquire of what University Dr. John Chamberlayn was, that is, with respect to his taking a degree, for he was an undergraduate of Oxford. His Father, who was a much abler man than the son, was of Edmund Hall, Oxon., certainly an excellent Scholar and very ingenious, but ²⁰ I think from what is said of him by Mr. Wood under Andrew Allam, that he was not a little proud. Mr. Allam was a very learned man, humble and modest, & so sagacious in finding out anonymous Authors that nothing hardly came out without a name but he could immediately, as it were, discover its Author, to the great amazement of all that knew him, as I have often heard Mr. Dyer of Oriel say, so that he was of very great service to Mr. Wood, as was also John Aubrey, Esq., who was always strangely ready to serve Mr. Wood, who would therefore use to tell people that John Aubrey would break his neck down stairs on purpose to get him intelligence. This he would tell, if Aubrey & he were in company ³⁰ together with others in any upper room. For if any person passed by, probably able to give information about Mr. Wood's affairs,² he (Mr. Aubrey) would presently get down in a great hurry on purpose to inquire.

Aug. 16 (Mon.). New Pipes of lead being now making in Oxford, to convey water all over the City (the old ones being as it were useless) in High Street and other places they find an old pitching of stone, not Pebbles as the present pitching is, but Rubble Stone, & some of free stone very large, at least two feet and an half or rather quite a yard from ⁴⁰ the surface of the Ground, ^{wh} shews that the Ground hath risen so much since the old pitching was laid.

'Tis said in the Preface to the Latin Edition in folio of the three pieces upon Stoneheng, that Mr. Webb improved and enlarged his Essay to prove the Chinese to be the primitive Language, and that the MS. is said to be still exstant in the Cathedral Church of Wells.

¹ i. e. gathering herbs or plants.—Ed.

² i. e. information bearing on the literary works that Wood was engaged upon.—Ed.

Aug. 17 (Tu.). Mr. Griffin at his death left the legacy given him by Tho. Rawlinson, Esq., of 150 lbs. to the Rev. Mr. Tho. Deacon, who practiseth Physick at Manchester being a Non-Juror, a man of good sense and learning. He married young and unhappily, is now loaded with children and much incumbered.¹

Dr. Samuel Drake of St. John's Coll., Cambridge, his edition of Mat. Parker's *Antiq Brit.*, notwithstanding seven years spent on it, answers ill.

They are reprinting at London the scarce Pieces of that famed Republican, Fletcher of Saltoun, the only man of his age, that ever faithfully
10 adhered to his Principles, bad as they were, and acted accordingly. A character of him will be taken from a MS. said to be wrote by Lord Somers, found in the study of Thomas Rawlinson, Esq., and now *penes* Ric. Rawlinson, LL.D., w^{ch} is so scarce that there are only two other copies in being.

Aug. 18 (Wed.). Dr. Rawlinson hath got that part of Mr. Pepys's last will that relates to the preservation of his Library in Magdalen College in Cambridge.

Mr. Brooks, formerly Librarian of the University of Cambridge, but removed for non-compliance in 1714, is going in quality of Chaplain to
20 the Duke of Ormond at Madrid, from whence Mr. Henry Hall is lately returned.

Aug. 19 (Thur.). Yesterday I perused an old MS. Chronicle, in 4^{to} on Vellum, from Brute to the death of Hen. II, in Magd. Coll. Library, numbered 72, put into my hands by Mr. Loveday of that Coll. to whom I restored it this day. The Author anonymous. Mr. Tyrrell perused it, and stiles it, in a spare leaf at the beginning, *Chronicon Regum Angliae a scriptore Anonymo*.

[Extracts from the Manuscript.²]

Aug. 20 (Fri.). Tho' the said Chronicle ends at Henry II's death,
30 yet I take it to have been, from several circumstances, designed to be carried lower. Indeed 'tis probable it was carried lower, tho' the rest be wanting here. I find 'tis extracted from other Authors, being an Epitome, & so the Author tells us it was his design, in his Prologue or Introduction. Most of it is in Polychronicon.

Aug. 21 (Sat.). Yesterday morning, called upon me and spent two

Aug. 17, 1731. H. Frinsham to H. (Rawl. 5. 125). 'In answer to yours I send this to acquaint you that the bye order you mention was committed to the Flames very soon after my mother's death; so that 'tis impossible any copy of it should ever be transmitted to you. I wish when you write to me again, you would remember to send by the Windsor carrier, which would make your letters much less expensive than some of them have proved.'

¹ Note at the end of the volume: 'Aug. 17, Tu., one Dodge, a smith of Charleton upon Otmere, hanged at Six Clock night at Oxford Castle. The knot being not tied right, he fell from the Rope, just as he was thrown off the ladder, to the ground & much bruised, but was presently tied up again.'

² This Manuscript, still in Magd. Coll. Library, is said to be a compilation made at the end of the fourteenth century, and to be of little value.—Ed.

hours with me, together with his son and grandson, Mr. George Parker, author of the Ephemeris, the two and fortieth Impression of which is that for the present year 1731.

He was born at Shipton upon Stower in Worcestershire. He is an honest man, and was formerly several times prosecuted for things inserted in his Ephemeris relating to the Chevallier. He is in the 77th year of his Age.

I gave him some corrections of the Regal Table in his Ephemeris, also some notes relating to the Saints days.

He is a Cutler by Trade, but left off when he began to write his ¹⁰ Ephemeris.

His Ephemeris is by much the best exstant, he having had great assistance from Dr. Halley.

His son is a Master printer by Trade, in London, & is versed in Astrology, so as to be able to carry on the Ephemeris, if he survives his Father.

Aug. 22 (Sun.). Yesterday morning, Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll., in his way to Caversham, called at Dorchester to see the stone again. I received a Letter from him last night from Caversham, in w^{ch} he tells me it was removed to Sir George Oxenden's at Little Witnam, about a fort- ²⁰ night since, and that 'tis to be put up (they say) in a wood there. I have not yet seen it, but (he says) I may see it, he presumes, there with as much ease as at Dorchester.

On July 6th last, Mr. Le Farr of Little Witnam, who gave me then a Copy of the Inscription, said a Gentleman of Sandwich had given a Guinea for it, and taken a Receipt, but that the Earl of Abbington detained it as Lord of the Mannour. He said 'twas to be conveyed to Sandwich, if not hindered. I think this Le Farr (as he told me his name was) lived once with Oxenden.

Aug. 23 (Mon.). Yesterday, died Mr. John Croke of Oxford, aged ³⁰ about fourty, son of Mr. John Croke, who died thirty years agoe about the same age, and was one of the Compositors at the Theater printing house, and indeed an excellent Compositor he was, hardly a better in England. This Mr. Croke the son was a very hard drinker, and 'twas what killed him. He hath left a widow (and two daughters) a very pretty, modest, carefull, industrious Woman, aged about 34, daughter of one Smith, a rich Butcher of Oxford, who hath been dead some time, and he having no other child, by that means a great deal came to her. His Father the Printer lays buried in Holywell Church yard.

Aug. 24 (Tu.). Q. what University was the celebrated Luke Mil- ⁴⁰ bourne of. Mr. Baker knows him not, neither is he taken notice of either in the old or new Ed. of Athenae Oxon., tho' I am assured that he was an

[Undated, but before Aug. 25, 1731.] James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 313). Has a Computus of the revenue of Queen Philippa for 32 Ed. III, which he bought at Le Neve's sale. There has lately been an auction of the Collection of Dr. Brathwaite, Warden of New College. Dr. Tanner is to be Bishop of St. David's.

Author even before the publication of the first as well as of the second Edition.

I am apt to think that the account of Dr. Hickes in the second Ed. of Ath. Oxon. was wrote by himself or some one well acquainted with him. 'Twas a common thing for others to write for Mr. Wood & sometimes living Authors themselves.

Aug. 25 (Wed.). Yesterday morning, died the Marquiss of Blandford, Grandson of the Dutchess of Marlborough, in the Master of Balliol College's Lodgings. This young Gentleman, who was about 30 years of
 10 age, was at the Borlace Club, kept yearly at the King's Head Tavern in Oxford, on Wednesday last, Aug. 18, where was (as usual on that occasion) a very great dinner, abundance of Gentlemen being also there, some of w^{ch} of the Nobility, it being the custom of the Club to pitch upon, or chose [*sic*], a Lady to be a Tost in drinking for the whole year, whom they stile by the Title of the *Lady Patroness*. The Lady now chosen was the youngest Daughter of Sir John Stonehouse of Radley in Berks., a most charming pretty Lady, admired by all. The Marquess was an immoderate drinker & drunk now & afterwards (even on Saturday last too) to such excess that he fell ill on Sunday & died yesterday
 20 Issue Male. His Lady (a very pretty Woman) came into Town yesterday morning, just before he expired, but he knew her not. She sowned [*sic*] away, tho' 'tis reputed that her affections have been for other sparks.

Aug. 26 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Aug. 23 :

By the last Letters from Leydon we hear that the Rev. Mr. Nicholas Stevens, M.A. and formerly Fellow of Trinity College in Oxford, son of Henry Stevens, Esq., Serjeant at Law, took the Degree of Doctor in Physick the 25th of July last, with great Applause and Honour.

Aug. 27 (Fri.). In Algate Church, about three weeks since, was
 30 delivered in a paper, desiring that prayers might be offered to Almighty God to *inspire his Majesty to hear the Complaints of his subjects, and to give him the courage to revenge the injuries done them by the Spaniards*; but this the Curate thought not fit to repeat, tho' he made no scruple to give copies.

Aug. 28 (Sat.). Mr. Benjamin Worster, M.A., was lately of Eman. Coll., Cambridge, and was as good a Classical Scholar as he was a Mathematician and experimental Philosopher. Dr. Rawlinson bought several of his Books with MSS. notes by learned men, as Lucian's Dialogues with¹ Humph. LLwyd's Corrections, *Clementis Epistola I ad*
 40 *Corinthios* with remarks by Pearson and Sancroft, and very numerous and judicious Remarks on Suetonius by Mr. Worster himself. He (Mr. Rawlinson) met with some books of Chymistry and Philosopher's Stone, noted by Ed. Bolnest, M.D., a Cantabrigian as the Dr. thinks, and

Aug. 26, 1731. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 116). Sends some literary Queries.

¹ MS.: of.

Physitian to K. Charles II. He seems to have been acquainted with Mr. Ashmole, many of whose papers are at present in the hands of an honest Cavalier, Capt. Montgomery, at South Lambeth, who married a near relation of Mr. Ashmole's.

Aug. 29 (Sun.). Mr. Hen. Gandy, a Nonjuring Bishop, formerly of Oriel College & Proctor of the University with Arthur Charlett, hath made large Collections towards a History of the suffering Clergy, not forgetting the Laity in the same Circumstances, but I fear his great age, for he is near 82, will deprive us of the benefit of his pen. He is undoubtedly a very worthy honest man, and 'tis hoped that what he cannot do himself 10 will be perfected by some one else of the like honest Principles.

Aug. 30 (Mon.). Stevens above-mentioned, who was expelled Trinity Coll. in this University for Deism and took the degree of M.D. at Leyden last July, hath printed a Thesis upon taking that Degree, as is usual in those Countries.

Mr. John Worthington long since transcribed the last will of John Barnet, made Bp of Bath and Wells, anno 1363, and committed to memory the Contents of an old will, made by one Richard Worthington, Provost and Residentiary Preb. of Wells; and he hath an Account of several of the Bishops taken from their Funeral Certificates. All which 20 he tells me he shall most willingly transcribe at his best Leisure, and send me, if required. I told him they would be acceptable, and that, if a proper opportunity offered itself, I would make a publick use of them.

Aug. 31 (Tu.). Yesterday, called upon me Mr. John Ball, a Nonjuring Clergyman, who lately put out Gyllius in English. He says he hath got [a] MS. of Theodore Bathurst's, being a Translation into Latin of Spencer's Calendar. Mr. Ball designs to print it with the English and a Glossary. He lately lived for five years together with Mr. Banner, of Staffordshire, but hath now left him. Mr. Ball, as he told me, took the Degree of B.A. in King William's time, and had done all his exercise for 30 the degree of M.A. He told me that formerly he often perused a MS. of the said Translation at Corpus X^{ti} Coll., Oxon., at w^{ch} time he was Scholar of that College. He said he had by the Death of his brother William Ball about three hundred libs., w^{ch} was in the Bank of England.

Dr. Beckett of Abbingdon tells me there is in Sion College Library, in a printed folio Book (what Book he forgets) a Catalogue of the Books, MS. and printed, in the Study of John Stowe, seized by a particular Order in Q. Eliz.'s time, because it had been given out he had divers books contrary to the protestant Religion & Government.

Sept. 1 (Wed.). Mr. Beckett assured me yesterday that he had not 40 heard one syllable about the Dorchester stone (what I much wonder at) and that he knows nothing of S^r George Oxinden. I hear of no one that hath seen it, but what allows it to be really ancient and genuine,

Aug. 29 [p 1731]. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 39). A transcript of Michael Hudson's account of the escape of Charles I from Oxford to the army of the Scots.

among these is Dr. Derham (who copied the Inscription & sent it to his friends) and I am told it agrees with the Copy I had from Mr. Loveday, and indeed there is no doubt of Mr. Loveday's copy, unless in the points & a circumstance or two in the Letters, of no moment; for as for the little capital H clapt in after the M, I cannot learn that there are any just grounds for it.

Last night, died Dr. Frewin, History Professor's wife in Newinshall Lane, Oxford, where Dr. Frewin now lives. She was niece to the late Dr. Woodward, of Oriel Coll., who died very rich & left what he had to
 10 her, so that now Dr. Frewin (who hath had no child by her) hath all. She was about fifty years old, fell ill on Sunday last, Aug. 30, of a shivering fit, was pretty well on Monday, but fell off again yesterday. She was a very good natured Woman.

Sept. 2 (Thur.). Sr George Oxinden married one of the Dunches of the female line, the male Line being extinct.

Mr. Fysher, of Oriel Coll., told me yesterday they have nothing on their Registers concerning Reg. Peacock.

He also told me what Anth. Wood says of Gascoigne from one of their Registers is true.

20 Mr. Samuel Westley, Head Usher of Westminster School, is a very ingenious, witty man, and famous for making English Ballads. It is he that published Nich. Stevens, late of Trin. Coll., Oxon.'s two deistical Letters, with Remarks on them, intit. *Two Letters from a Deist to his Friend, concerning the Truth and Propagation of Deism in opposition to Christianity, With Remarks.* Lond., 1730, 4°.

Ask Dr. Tanner what he knows of John Bambourgh, supprior of Tynmouth. I know that he wrote *vita sancti Iohannis, Prioris de Tynemutha*, as appears from Wethamstede, but nothing more.

Sept. 3 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Aug. 30:—

30 On Tuesday, Aug. 24, at noon died, after a short illness, at Oxford, the Right Hon. the Marquis of Blandford. He married a Sister of the Countess

Sept. 3, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 60). Has received a parcel from R. by the hands of 'Mr. Smith, whose father lives at Eynsham. . . Mr. Brooks of Cambridge shewed himself an honest man. He deserves notice from such as are able to reward Honesty. . . The Inscription under Mr. Cherry's picture is *Franciscus Cherry, cl. Dodavelli alter ego*. It was put under it since it came thither,¹ and perhaps the Grueller's son might dictate it. He directed Madame Cherry about the MSS. . . Several of the MSS. were very improper to be put there. But the Adviser had the Schism in view, and he expected extraordinary Papers written by Mr. Cherry himself in defence of Mr. Dodwell's opinion about the closing or healing of the Schism. But he found himself strangely deceived and even his private views dashed at once. Methinks if the papers you sent me about the Consecrations were printed in a little 8^{vo} book, it might be a good way to preserve them, if prudential reasons do not hinder. Many people know nothing of these consecrations, otherwise good friends; and I cannot see why they should be kept in ignorance, if the knowledge thereof be so much for the interest of the church.'

¹ i. e. to the Bodleian.—Ed.

of Denbergh, a native of Holland; and having left no Issue, the Honours and great Estate of that Illustrious Family will descend to the Earl of Sunderland, who will be Duke of Marlborough, in case he survives the present Dutchess, being male Heir of the second daughter of the late Duke.

A marriage is said to be on foot between the Lord Russel, brother to the Duke of Bedford, and the Lady Diana Spencer, sister to the Earl of Sunderland, now Marquis of Blandford, to whom an Estate of 75,000*l.* per annum (one Third of which is exempt from all manner of Taxes) fell by the Death of the late Marquis before-mentioned.

Sept. 4 (Sat.). In the North Side of Wolhampton Church, near ¹⁰ Newbury in Berks.: *Hic jacet Ricardus de Henlond, Rector huius loci, conditor cancelli*, in ancient capital Letters. For *cancelli* is printed *capellani* in the late Book stiled *Ashmole's Antiquities of Barkshire*, vol. i, p. 20. I was told yesterday by a Clergyman, whom I met accidentally by Magd. Coll., that 'tis *cancelli*, and he had the Inscription in his hand.

Yesterday, in the afternoon, Dr. Frewin's wife was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon., by his first wife, the Lady Tyrrell.

Sept. 5 (Sun.). More things out of Dr. Rawlinson's Additions to *Athenae Oxon.*, Ed. II.

[Extracts omitted.¹]

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Sept. 6 (Mon.). Tho' Dr. Brathwaite's Library had been culled many years agoe, yet there were some odd Things remaining in it when lately exposed to Auction.

Many of Archbishop Sancroft's volumes of Miscellanies are come to Mr. West's hands. He was a man not only of very great Piety, Integrity, Loyalty, and Learning, but very curious in collecting and digesting small printed Tracts relating to our English Affairs.

The Earl of Orrery (he that was Mr. Boyle, and published Phalaris, and wrote in his Defence) hath given his Library to X^t Church. 'Twas valued some years since at eight thousand pounds.

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Sept. 7 (Tu.). The Oxford Horse Races this year began Aug. 31

Sept. 4, 1731. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 315). The Computus of Queen Philippa contains about 11 leaves of vellom. 'My Lord Oxford and I drank your health on Monday night, when we were alone together as we generally are in the evenings I dine there. I need not tell Mr. Hearne what pleasure there is in discoursing upon Antiquities with so communicative and benevolent[a] man as my Lord is. . . . The Hon. B. L. Calvert is hourly expected in England. The Earl of Orrery has given his Library to Christ Church. 'Twas valued some years since at eight thousand pounds.' [See also Diary, Sept. 6.]

Sept. 4, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 61). Acknowledges the receipt of two parcels.

Sept. 6, 1731. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. MS. B. 198. 109). Is unable to inspect Le Neve's papers at Norwich. Would like information about an ancestor, Sir Robert Bell, chief Baron of the Exchequer, who died at Oxford in 1577.

Sept. 7, 1731. H. to Dr. William Fullerton (Rawl. 39. 147). Sends

¹ See Diary July 5.—Ed.

and did not end till last night, and there were Booths (being not taken away 'till to-day) in Port Meadow for at least six weeks together.

Mr. Edm. Maryott, minister of King's Langley in Hartfordshire, told me to-day of a very ancient Monument in that church, ^{wh} he can make nothing of. I suppose 'tis of Edmond of Langley, fifth son of Edward III, who was both born and buried there.

Sept. 9 (Thur.). This day I wrote to the Rev. Mr. Benj. Howell, to know when & where Sir Thomas Sebright's Durandus's *Rationale* in vellum was printed; also whether it hath any signatures at the bottom. I wrote
10 several times to Sir Thomas himself on this and other Affairs, but can have no Answer. Mr. Howell is a Nonjuror, a great acquaintance of Sr Thomas's, and lives at Stagenhoo, near Hitchin, where he is Tutor to a young Gentleman. He became a Nonjuror in K. George I's time on account of the Abjuration Oath, & lost what he had.

Sept. 10 (Fri.). Mr. John Jones, who sometimes since took the degree of Bach. of Arts of Edm. Hall, & had been before a Servitour of Edm. Hall, and upon my recommendation was under Mr. Whiteside at the Mus. Ashm., and is now curate to Mr. Hotchkin, Rector of Abbot's Ripton in Huntingdonshire, called upon me on Wednesday last and
20 yesterday. He is a modest, civil, sober young man, and deserves encouragement, being willing to do any thing that is good and laudable. He told me of an old monument in the highway, as he came along, supposed to have been taken out of Ramsey Abbey, and to have been a funeral monument, but that 'twas so obliterated that he could not make it out. This Mr. Jones hath something ready, or at least designed by him at some time or other, for the Press, by way of service in religious matters to his Parishioners. He is a Lover of Antiquity, and spends many hours that way, and intends to obtain what he can for Dr. Tanner with respect to the Welsh religious Houses.

Sept. 11 (Sat.). Quaere about the famous Mr. Thomas Gataker, viz. whether he were not of Clare Hall, in Cambridge. One Thomas Gataker was of that Hall in 1670, but I think he was son to the former, and was Rector of Hoggeston, near Winslow, in Buckinghamshire.

Sept. 12 (Sun.). On Saturday, Sept. 4, the Chappell of Bleinheim House, by Woodstock, was consecrated by the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Potter, and afterwards, in the Evening of the same day, the Marquis of Blandford's Body was conveyed thither and buried in that Chappell.

him a copy of *Caius* as a present. Would present some book to Captain Orme, if he was assured it would be proper [cp. Letter of Oct. 26, 1730].

Sept. 10, 1731. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 148). Sends a packet to H. by the hands of the bearer, an honest fellow journeying to Gloucester, who 'brews good drink, as we Londoners think. I have sent a token for a black pot'.

Sept. 11, 1731. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. MS. B. 198. 111). Sends a copy of Godwyn's Catalogue of the Bishops of Bath and Wells.

Sept. 13, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 63). Has received a letter from R., it was 'brought by a Porter and I heard not one word of what you say you sent to drink your health with'.

Sept. 13 (Mon.). Q. about Mr. William Sloper, minister of Drayton in the County of Berks., & master of the Free School in Wantage in that County. He was deprived of Drayton at the Revolution & had only the Free School left, ^{wh} he kept without taking the Oaths till 1706, when he was dismissed for refusing them, having a wife & 3 children. So that he was reduced to a very deplorable condition, having nothing but the Charity of Friends to subsist on, as he represented on Feb. 13, 1714⁵.

Sept. 14 (Tu.). James Tyrrell, Esq., left another Volume of his History ready for the Press, but 'twas never yet printed, and perhaps never will. He was a very industrious man, and had consulted and inspected a very great variety of Books, MS. and printed, relating to the affairs of England, and his Skill was very considerable, tho' his judgment not great. Besides, being a partial Writer, he is not much regarded. Yet his notes about authors are of good account. I suppose his son, Collonel Tyrrell, of Shotover, may have the said unpublished Volume with other papers of Mr. Tyrrell. 'Tis worth while to enquire whether there be in it, or else in some of his other Papers, anything about the writings of John Whethamstede. Mr. Tyrrell had certainly seen and perused Whethamstede's Register in the Heralds' Office, in ^{wh} are many things not to be met with elsewhere, concerning the times of Hen. VI and Edw. IV, and 'tis very probable Mr. Tyrrell had also consulted other pieces of this learned Historian, & particularly his lesser Register, to ^{wh} this larger Register of the Heralds' Office refers for some historical Facts.

Sept. 15 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Sept. 13:—

The Rev. Dr. Ibbotson, Rector of Lambeth and Prebendary of Exeter, is dead.

Sept. 16 (Thur.). Mr. Tredwell, who lives at Cairfax, in Oxford, is ninety-four years of age, a neat, clean, old man, and very brisk and lively. He formerly let Horses in K. Charles II's time. He walks every day, both forenoon and afternoon, in X^t Church walk, where I saw and talked with him yesterday in the afternoon, when he laughed and was very merry. He said he had had a little fit of the Cholick about three days before; otherwise he knew not what the Cholick was. He retains all his senses as well as his understanding perfectly well.

Sept. 17 (Fri.). Mr. Brome, of Ewithington, near Hereford, let a person have five or six most beautifull Coins of Carausius, who never returned them again, and Mr. Brome, not thinking to be so served, did not take care to take the Inscriptions.

Sept. 16, 1731. J. Loveday to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 34). Sends inscriptions from the church of 'Harpden or Harding' [i.e. Harpsden] on Dr. Miles Stapylton (1731) and Henry Owen (1649). Mr. John Stapylton, a young clergyman, the Doctor's nephew, has inherited the Doctor's 'study'. The report that he ordered his sermons to be burnt is untrue. In 1719 Mr. Robert Betham, minister of Silchester, was drowned in Fleet ditch. He was given the living by Sir Thomas Draper of Sunninghill. He rebuilt the parsonage house and died poor. It is said his books were bought by Principal King for Sir Thomas Sebright at a cost of £800.

Also, above a year since, a curious, ingenious Gent., e Soc. Jesu & a great Traveller, made Mr. Brome a visit & begged a sight of his Coins. He was most inquisitive after Carausius & Allectus, & Mr. Brome made him a Present of both sorts. Mr. Brome believes he would make good traffick of them in Italie, whither he was going.¹

Sept. 18 (Sat.). Mr. Thomas Wells, who was Bach. of Arts of Exeter College, and died of the small Pox at his Father's House at Bray near Maidenhead in Berks., about the year 1705 or 1706, was an ingenious young man, & esteemed the very best Ringer that ever was, or
 10 ever will be, in England or in the whole world. He was just entered into holy Orders. His father, Thomas Wells, was Parish Clarke of Bray, & was likewise a good Ringer, he having a good ear himself. I went to School with the son at Bray, at w^{ch} time he delighted much in ringing & was observed to be very strong in the Arm, as indeed he was, and proved a very strong lusty man, and being wonderfully good natured he was much beloved.

Sept. 19 (Sun.). There is newly published a 4^{to} Book, containing
 40 of Lord Pembroke's Statues. They are etched. A poor performance, yet price 20s. The account of the Book and the descriptions of the
 20 figures are English, miserably spelt, and the Syntax horrid. Sold by Cary Creed at the Jarr, between Cecil and Salisbury Street in the Strand, and by Mr. Prevost, the Bookseller. The 7th is Cleopatra & her son Caesarion by Julius Caesar, big as Life, *C. Creed f.* She sits upon a sort of stone seat, her son in her lap sucking, a mantle about her, otherwise naked. She hath a sort of languishing aspect. The ninth, the first Equestrian Statue of Marcus Aurelius, which occasioned the Sculptor to be employed in casting the Great one on a different Horse at the Capitol; *C. Creed f.* M. Aurelius hath no spurs. His Horse hath a Bridle, but 'tis like modern Bridles. The 23rd, Attis, Cybele's high priest, cloathed
 30 as a Woman. It is graved in Montfaucon without the Head, my Lord having bought it before with the Mazarine Collection; *C. Creed f.* The 25th, Sabina, wife of Adrian, full length. The 26th, Faustina, wife of Antoninus Pius, full length. The 27th, Antinous, full length. The 30th, Apollo, with a fine Gloss like old ivory, so stained in the earth by some mineral; *C. C. f.* The 33rd, a Naiad or River Nymph, sleeping on a Bank in Egypt, on which is carved an Ibis, &c. The 35th, a Genteel figure of Cupid, from which water is furnished for a Bathing place, found at Puzzoli.

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 40 to Hearne.

p. 1. An indulgence of Maugerus, Prior of the Carmelites of York, to Roger Low, dated 1387.

p. 5. A Latin treatise, apparently by Dr. Bayly, of Havant in Hampshire, upon a Roman inscription discovered at Chichester in 1723.

¹ A note at the end of the volume:—'Sept. 15. Abbington Horse Race in Clifton Meadow; ended Sept. 17.'

- p. 11. Notes from sermons printed in 1627, 1628, and 1630.
- p. 12. A transcript of a parchment document of 1472, in which Franciscus Placentinus, warden and rector of the Friars Minors in the Holy Land, recites the papal privileges they had received.
- p. 14. A letter of the Privy Council, transcribed from the Black Book of Warwick, folio 92, in favour of John Speed's *Description of Britain*.
- p. 17. The names of the bailiffs of Warwick from 1555 to 1687.
- p. 25. A contemporary description of the receiving of Queen Elizabeth into the city of Coventry, Aug. 17, 1566.
- p. 43. Mr. Ashmole's Statutes, dated June 21, 1686. 10
- p. 62. Transcripts from a register of charters of the church of Mancestre, in Warwickshire, lent to Hearne by Mr. West, Sept. 23, 1730; there are five deeds of *circa* 1242-1252, about founding a chantry at Hardeshull, within the parish of Mancestre; two deeds about destroying a chapel at Hardeshulle; a composition between the Lord of Hardeshulle and the Rector of Mancestre, 1411; a dispute between the Rector of Mancestre and the Austin Friars of Atherston, the matter being referred to the arbitration of Philip Morgan, Robert Halum the Chancellor of Oxford, and others; the articles on each side were delivered in St. Frideswide's Church, Feb. 28, 1403, and 20 the award was pronounced in St. Mary's Church, Mar. 7, 1404; Hearne gives the verdict on eleven points but omits the end, where the word 'Semly house' must have occurred, mentioned by him above, see p. 338.
- p. 92. Transcripts from a rental of Coventry Priory, of the date 12 Hen. IV. It gives a detailed account of the bounds of Radford, New Coundulne, Coundulne, near Coventry, Kernsley, *alias* the parish of St. Michael Coventry, Corley, Ecclessale, Folxhull, the town of Coventry, 'boscus forinsecus de Bernett', and 'boscus intrinsecus de Hasilwod'. 30
- p. 121. Expenses of Christ Church, Oxford, by occasion of the Queen's Majesty's comming thither 12 July, 1566; from a MS. lent to Hearne by Rawlinson in 1730.
- p. 140. An account of occurrences in the Camp of James II at Hounslow Heath in July and August, 1688, from a MS. lent to Hearne by Rawlinson in 1730.
- p. 157. 'From an old blind Parchment that they have at Kirtlington to secure them from paying toll in passing through Towns, shewed me Monday, July 19, 1731, by Walter Beauchamp of Oxford, currier, who knew not what to make of it.' It is a charter of Feb. 10, 40 4 Eliz., by which the Queen grants to Kirtlington and Bicester King's End that they should enjoy freedom from toll, stallage, picage, &c., as was granted to all the manors of the Duke of Lancaster on May 17, 16 Ed. III, and renewed to the properties of the Duchy of Lancaster Nov. 4, 10 Ed. IV; but this exemption does not apply within the Duchy of Lancaster.

Sept. 20, 1731 (Mon.). I have often heard it said that the chief of

Sept. 20, 1731. Tanner, at Norwich, to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 219) *see* Diary, Oct. 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12].

the Criticisms that Kuster hath printed in his Ed. of Suidas are really B^p Pearson's, as may appear from the B^p's MS. now at Cambridge. Mention it to Mr. Baker. Ask also Mr. Baker about the B^p's Critical Notes upon Hesychius, an Edition of w^{ch} he intended to have given.

Photius's Lexicon is in Bodley, and might be added to Hesychius. Dr. Mill had a Transcript with an Index, w^{ch} Index I wrote out for the Dr. from another w^{ch} had been drawn up by a Forreigner (he that designed an Edition of Diog. Laertius) residing here in Oxford.

Sept. 21 (Tu.). Yesterday, was elected mayor of Oxford for 1732
 10 Alderman Niccols, in opposition to Mr. Vicaris, the Mercer. This is the third time of Mr. Niccols's being mayor, who is a Locksmith.

Bayliffs for the City were elected, Mr. Wilkins, a goldsmith, and Mr. Munday, an upholsterer.

Mr. Miles Windsore, in his MSS. notes, according to what I have from Mr. Wood, makes the Virgin Chappel by Smith Gate, Oxon., to stand north and south. I cannot tell whether he means that Chappell or no now in part standing by Smith Gate, tho' 'tis turned to a dwelling House. There is the Effigies of the V. Mary over the door southwards. But Mr. Windsore says the effigies he saw was in the window, so I suppose
 20 must be painted. His words 'Aula Cervina in paroc. Sancti Iohannis ad aquilonem ubi etiam sancte Marie de Romsuall capella est, ut apparet per effigiem in fenestra ejusdem capellae. This chap. stands north and south.'¹

Sept. 22 (Wed.). Mr. Brome hath lately purchased a little piece of silver Plate, shaped somewhat like the Keel of a Ship, but stands on a bottom supported by 3 feet. Near the rim on the outside is an Inscription, which he hath tried by all the Alphabets he hath, & can make nothing of it, neither can he guess at its use. The person that parted with it to Mr. Brome did send it to Oxford & London, & from neither
 30 place could have any satisfaction. I remember twas shewed me here at Oxford one evening, in a promiscuous company, when we were met together for diversion, & I soon laid it down, not pretending either to explain or read it. It does not seem to be very ancient to Mr. Brome, nor indeed did I take it to be of any great antiquity. Indeed I did not

Sept. 21, 1731. William Fullerton to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 294). Thanks for the copy of *Caius*. Has just met Mr. Bowdler.

Sept. 22, 1731. Rev. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 11). Would like to be one of the Chaplains of Dr. Tanner, if he is made a bishop; asks H. to write to Dr. Tanner about it. 'If he is promoted to the see of St. David's, I presume I may be of some service to him, as I understand the British Language. If he pleaseth to take me into his care, I will venture to say I shall never give him any cause to repent.' A young gentleman in Abbats Ripton [Mr. Bonfoy], a student of the Temple, has in his hands a manuscript relating to the monastery of Ely, in which are several things relating to

¹ This is apparently from Windsor's MSS. in C.C.C. Library. It will be noticed that it does not refer to the Virgin Chapel by Smithgate but speaks of something in St. John's parish. Windsor was not a good authority, and Wood thought little of him.—Ed.

much regard it, not heeding or paying much attention to things of a puzzling kind in meetings of that kind, but reserving the consideration of them to privacy.

Sept. 23 (Thur.). St. Clement's Fair, near Oxford, held to-day.

Yesterday, died at Eynsham near Oxford, where she lived, the widow Hall, daughter of the late Sr Robert Harrison. She died after 2 or 3 days' illness in a distracted condition. By her second husband (for she had had 3 husbands) she had a Daughter, the only child she ever had, lately married to Sr John Boyse's son, his only child. She died very rich, being said to have, at least, ten thousand libs. in money, all ^{wh} 10 Mr. Boyse is now intitled to by the marriage of the said daughter. She was ill about 2 or 3 days. She was about 47 years of age.

Ask Mr. Baker, whether Mr. Marmaduke Fothergill, who is lately dead, ever published anything. He was a Nonjuror, and had been of St. John's Coll., Cambridge; I know not whether ever Fellow. He was a right worthy, honest man. Inquire his age. I have had many letters from him. He was an antiquary, and curious in books.

Sept. 24 (Fri.). At the end of Caius, I have printed many things relating to the Ferrars. Mr. Worthington hath another valuable fragment of Mr. Ferrar's concerning Patience. It makes 21 pages in folio. It is 20 the last part of that book, whereof I have printed the first part in Caius. He is willing to send it, if I should have an opportunity of printing it. My designs being in our English History and Antiquities, I think it will not fall in my way. What I did before was occasioned by a Letter I had printed in Langtoft.

Sept. 25 (Sat.). Yesterday, in the afternoon, was buried in the Chancell of St. Marie's Church, Oxford, the widow Hall, by her second Husband, Dr. John Hudson, she being brought from Eynsham in an Herse, & she was buried in a leaden Coffin, tho' her said second Husband was buried in one of wood. She has left the character behind her of 30 a most vile, stingy, wicked woman. Her cruelty to all her three Husbands is sufficiently talked of, but what is worst is her behaviour with respect to her daughter, who was contracted in marriage to the Rev. Mr. John Goole, Vicar of Eynsham and Master of the Free School of Witney, a widower, whose wife (for he was married once before) by whom he had no child, has been dead some time. And this Contract was made not only with the daughter's but mother's consent, and the day for solemnity of the marriage was fixt to be the 30th of July last, being the very day after she was married to Mr. Boyce; and Mr. Goole had prepared her wedding apparell and all other things proper for the occasion, spending a great 40 deal of money; but contrary to this contract, the daughter, by perswasions of the mother, purely out of a covetous temper, was (as hath been said) married to Boyce, ^{wh} in a little time so struck upon the Mother by the just judgment of God Almighty (^{wh} ought to be a good warning to all parents and children to take care of the due observance of marriage con-

Thorney, Ramsey, Wittlesey, &c. Part at the end is in French. The owner of the MS. is one Owen Fan, a substantial inhabitant of Ramsey.

tracts, unless, for very great and good reasons they be broke off, with the consent of each respective person) that she fell raving mad, & so died within three or four days after. A day or two before she died, she run distracted out of bed, without shoes or stockings or any thing hardly to cover her nakedness, & so run about two miles, and when brought home, three or four men were forced to hold her in bed, all w^{ch} time till her death she continually, as it were, cried out, *Take the parson, Take the parson*, shewing how much she was touched in conscience that her daughter according to Contract was not married to Mr. Goole, who knew
 10 nothing of the Daughter's engaging with Mr. Boyce till after the marriage was over; at w^{ch} he was deservedly amazed and confounded, & the more so too when he heard that this young creature, the daughter, was also engaged to one Weston of Cowley near Oxford, a rich man of about 50 years of age, it may be also with the mother's connivence. As for Mr. Goole, he is an honest man of about 44 years of age & in very good circumstances. The Daughter often declared to several how dearly she loved Mr. Goole, but said she would never love Mr. Boyce.

Sept. 28 (Sun.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Sept. 30:—

20 The Rev. Mr. Marmaduke Fothergill died lately. He was M.A. and was formerly of St. John's College in Cambridge, and Vicar of Skipwith in Yorkshire, of which he was deprived for Refusal of the Oaths required upon the Change of Government in 1689.

Mr John Jones desires to be Chaplain (either domestic or titular) to Dr. Tanner, provided the Dr. should be a Bishop.

Jones understands the Brittish Language & knows the ways and manners of the Welsh.

By the Statute of 21 Hen. VIII every B^p hath a right to nominate six Chaplains.

30 Dr. Knight, Prebendary of Ely, is Mr. Jones's friend.

Sept. 27 (Mon.). Juliana Barne's Book of Arms, Hawking, and Hunting was printed first at St. Alban's. It was printed there anno 1486. B^p More had it and 'tis among his books at Cambridge. Her sirname was Berners, being of the Lord Berners' family. She was Prioress or Abbess of Sopewell, near St. Alban's. She was a learned, as well as beautifull, woman.

Sept. 28 (Tu.). Q. what became of Daniel King's collection of Antiquities and Antiquarian Books, of w^{ch} he had a great Quantity at York House. 'Tis probable they may be at the Heralds' Office. Ask
 40 Mr. Anstis.

Q. what MS. that was w^{ch} Mr. Pigott wrote and was to be perused by

Sept. 27, 1731. David and Ann Dean to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 272). 'Loving Brother, wee received your token you sent by Father Haily, and wee return you a great many thanks.' A neighbouring brick-kiln is to be sold; the writers would like to buy it, and for this purpose would borrow from H. ten pounds.

Sept. 27, 1731. West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 316). Does not know Col. Tyrrel, but hopes to make his acquaintance in the winter, and turn over his

Dr. Seth Ward, B^p of Sarum, who was the Author of the Ancient Liberty of the Brittanick Church.

I have been told Mr. Wanley was about publishing the Life of Cardinal Woolsey. I know not what he did towards it. Wanley's Papers are in L^d Oxford's Library.

S^r W^m Pole had some MSS. papers of Devonshire.

Sept. 29 (Wed.). Some years ago they talked of reprinting Savage's *Balliofergus*.

Anth. Wood intended to write the Life of the Founder of Merton College. 10

James Tyrrell, Esq., was an industrious and skillfull, but no judicious nor impartial Historian. Men, even of his own Principles, used to stile him an hypothetical Writer.

Mr. West hath a Prospect of turning over Mr. Tyrrell's MSS. Collections.

Mr. Josuah Barnes (the famous Greek Professor of Cambridge) is buried in Hemingford Church in Huntingdonshire. There is an English Inscription set up on a little stone upon the wall close by his Latin Epitaph, being the English of some Greek Anacreonticks on the monument, w^{ch} Anacreonticks I have before his Ed. III.¹ 20

Sept. 30 (Thur.). To ask Dr. Archer whether John Shaftesbury, Master of St. John's Hospital at Bath, did not really resign in 1438. The Dr., in his Account of Religious Houses in Somersetshire, that I am now printing, makes him resign 1428.

It hath been hinted to me that Dr. Plott wrote something of the Founder of New Coll., as also Directions for the Education of a young English Earl, in 4 or 5 sheets. So it seems he told Dr. Charlett in a Letter, what I never heard Dr. Charlett speak of.

Mr. Anstis, in the year 1713 designed to write about the Life of Archb^p Chicheley, as he informed Dr. Charlett. Perhaps this may be what Mr. 30 Anstis is now printing relating to All Souls College.

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pp. 1-86. A transcript of a MS., lent to Hearne by Thomas Rawlins of Pophulls, on Aug. 9, 1731, and returned on Sept. 27 to Mr. Rawlins at Mr. Churchill's in Stratford-on-Avon, being delivered by Hearne to George Watts, the Warwick carrier. It was a copy, made by Wood, of Miles Windsore's notes on Oxford.

father's papers, who appears to have been an industrious and no injudicious person; 'for in those considerations I lay aside the Principles of Persons, either in Religion or Politicks. 'Tis by their works that I form my judgment,' [See Diary, Sept. 29].

Sept. 30, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 84). Sends details about the Academic career of Thomas Gataker (1592) and Edward Chamberlayne (1670).

¹ Barnes published a Life of Edward III.—Ed.

Oct. 1, 1731 (Fri.). The MS. of Thame Abbey in Ld Weymouth's custody, as by his Ldship's Letter to Dr. Charlett, dated Dec. 19, 1706. Quaerie of Mr. Harbin or else of Dr. Tanner what MS. this should be.

Q. what was the Title of Dr. Johnston's Book about Maudlin College? As I remember, 'tis about the case of the ejected Fellows.

Dr. Edwards, Principal of Jesus College, took notice to Dr. Charlet, in a Letter dated May 24, 1708, that Dr. Tanner designed to publish Leland with Boston of Bury, and that he had finished the work for the Press.

Yesterday, died Mr. Child, organist of New College, at his house in 10 Friers Entry, Oxford. He left a widow, being his second wife. He was looked upon as an honest man & of the Nonjuring side, tho' he complied.

Oct. 2 (Sat.). Dr. Tanner went over to Whaddon Hall upon the repeated & most importunate desires of Brown Willis, Esq., and gave him a sermon in the New Chappell at Fenny Stratford on St. James's day last.

Leland calls Walter Hemingford *Hemengoburgus*, wch Dr. Tanner approves of, and thinks that his surname was *de Hemingburgh* (of which name is a town in Yorkshire, tho' indeed a pretty way from Gisburn) and 20 not *de Hemingford* (there being no town in Yorkshire of this name) as Bale & Pits & others from them have called this Author. In the King's Library (formerly at St. James') is an old book, entitled *distinctiones quaedam Theologicae*, in the beginning of wch is this note in an old hand, *Claustro de Gysborn ex dono patris Walteri de Hemyngburgh, quondam canonici istius domus, anno domini 1307*, wch agreeing with the time Hemingford is generally said to live in, makes the Dr's conjecture more probable. In the Copy of *Leland de Scriptoribus* in Trin. Coll. Camb. Library, writ in J. Bale's own hand, instead of *Edwardi primi*, it is *secundi*, and instead of *regnante Henrico III et Ed. filio ejus*, it is *regnante* 30 *Edwardo secundo et Edwardo ejus filio*.

Yesterday Dr. Butler, of Magd. Coll., was continued Vice-Chancellour for another year, being his fourth year. Pro-Vice-Chancellours, Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brazennose, Dr. Mather, President of Corpus, Dr. Holmes, President of St. John's, and Dr. Niblet, Warden of All Souls.

Oct. 3 (Sun.). Mr. Fysher told me last night that he had been over again at Dorchester and that he saw the Stone again, it being now in Sr George Oxenden's Kitchen. He now said that there really was no H in *numinibus*¹, but only some little scratch that was accidental & not therefore to be minded or regarded.

40 The Author of the fragment I published, in my Appendix to Heming, hath an unwary expression, p. 650, where he calls Walter Hemingford an Austin Fryer in Yorkshire. He was indeed Canon at Gisburn, wch was of the Order of St. Austin, but the difference was very great between an Austin Canon and an Austin Fryer.

Oct. 4 (Mon.). Photius's Lexicon in MS. in Bibl. Bodl. is only a modern Transcript.

¹ See above, p. 452.—Ed.

Dr. Mill had an Index to it of my writing. Dr. Worth, I think, hath it now.

The said Bodl. MS. came in with Dr. Bernard's MSS.

Roger Gale hath a MS. also of Photius.

Some body of Corpus X^{ti} Coll. is transcribing the Bodl. Photius's Lexicon.

Mr. Greenaway, of Hart Hall, some few years since proposed to print that Lexicon, and he borrowed Roger Gale's MS. to compare with that in Bodley.

Oct. 5 (Tu.). Altho' by the beginning of the book of Will. Horman's ¹⁰ web Bale stiles *Collectanea diversorum*, it seems to have been in the Anatomical or Chirurgical way, yet he certainly collected many things relating to our English History, some of web are quoted by J. Bale, who had the perusal of them and made some use of them. Pits, in this point, seems to have copied only from Bale. Where they are repositied, if now in being, Dr. Tanner can't tell. About the Author, however, he informs me of some few particulars, web are not, I think, in Bale, Pits, or A. Wood, viz. that he was made Master of Eton School 1485, the Provost and Fellows of web College presented him to their Rectory of East Wretham in Norfolk, to web he appears by the Registers to have been ²⁰ instituted 25 Aug., 1494. This Living was void in 1503 by Mr. Horman's resignation upon being chose Fellow of Eton, as he was in the latter end of 1502, web Dr. Tanner finds in some extracts from B^p Fleetwood's *Collections concerning the Provosts and Fellows of Eton College from the Foundation to the year 1707*; 'but his Institution to Wretham is on our Books (saith Dr. Tanner) in the Office.'

Oct. 6 (Wed.). Yesterday Mr. Walters, Chaplain of X^t Church, and Master of Arts, shewed me a small Gold Coin, web he said was found some where, as he thinks, near Ickford, and belongs to one Nichols (I think that is his name) of Jesus College. ³⁰

On one side is a head and the word PAX, on the other MONETATE-LAPIVS and a Pot.¹

Oct. 7 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, Oct. 4:—

There is lately dead the Rev. Mr. John Griffin, M.A., formerly of Merton College in Oxford, and Rector of Churchill in that County, of which he was deprived for Non-Compliance with the Act of Parliament requiring the New Oaths in 1715.

There is also dead Exton Sayer, LL.D., Chancellor of the Bishop of Durham's Spiritual Court, deputy Chancellor of the diocese of Winchester, ⁴⁰ commissary of Essex, his Majesty's Surveyor-general of the Crown Land Revenue, Advocate for the Admiralty in Matters relating to the Crown, and Member of Parliament for the Borough of Totness in the County of Devon.

Oct. 5, 1731. B. Howell of Stagenhoo to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 405) [see Diary, Oct. 16].

¹ There is a rough sketch of the coin.—Ed.

He was remarkable for his Learning and Eloquence, but more for his Humanity. By his death Mankind have lost an ornament to Nature, his Friends a kind benefactor, and his Majesty a faithful servant.

Thus these partial republican Writers. He was certainly a man of Character, but I am assured no great man. He had more of the outside than true solidity. His death was occasioned by his reading a letter on Horseback just by a windmill in full sail. His horse was startlish, took fright, threw him, & so they ascribe his death to his own indiscretion.

Oct. 8 (Fri.). Edmund Bolton, living after the time that Dr. Tanner ¹⁰proposed to finish his work (as he told me by Letter of Sept. 20 last from Norwich, tho' I thought he had intended to have brought it to these times) he hath little or nothing about him. His *Elements of Armory*, printed in 1610, 4^{to}, is common enough. I think there is a MS. letter of his to the College of Arms in 1631 among Mr. Ashmole's MSS. His *Nero Caesar* is handsomely and judiciously done. Dr. Tanner once thought him to be Author of *The Hystory of Britannie, declaring the success of times and affairs in that Island from the Romans' first entrance, untill the reign of Egbert, the West Saxon Prince, who reduced the several Principalities of the Saxons and English into a Monarchie, and changed* ²⁰*the name of Britannie into England*; London, printed by Val. Sims, 1606, 4^{to}, without Preface or dedication, in 2 parts. But it was too early for him, because Dr. Tanner found afterwards this first Part of the same work printed in Q. Eliz's time, under the title the *first book of the History of England*, with a long preface wherein he mentions Mr. Camden's labors in the Chorographical part with honour. But Dr. Tanner's book wants beginning and title page. I should be glad (and so would the Doctor) to know who was the Author of this History.

Oct. 9 (Sat.). Dr. Tanner hath often heard Dr. Charlett wish that somebody would write Dr. Pocock's Life, and he thinks he told him that ³⁰Mr. Smith of Dartmouth had given him some hopes of it, and that he [Charlett] had furnished him with several materials and letters, there having been a long friendship & correspondence between Dr. Pocock and old Mr. Charlett, the Master's father. But Dr. Tanner knows nothing of any attempt that Dr. Charlett made that way himself.

Yet I am very sure that Dr. Charlett made such an attempt, and that he got Dr. Pocock's papers purely upon his pretence and boasting that he could write his Life and publish the most material of those papers. I have heard him wish that Dr. Thomas Smith would write Dr. Pocock's life in Latin, for w^{ch} indeed he was qualified, but Charlett never offered ⁴⁰to communicate any thing of Dr. Pocock's to him, nor indeed had Dr. Thomas Smith any good opinion of Charlett.

On Thursday last, Mr. Hudsford, President of Trinity Coll., was married in that College chappel to the widow Peisly (who has three children living by her former Husband, a Mason) a very pretty woman, of Oxford.

Oct. 10 (Sun.). On Friday last, Mr. Loveday, in his return from Caversham to Oxford, called at St George Oxinden's at Little Witnam, on purpose to see the Dorchester Stone again, that he might examine

whether it be really NMINHB, or (as the first transcripts all have it) NMINB; but he was denyed a sight of it, Sr George having given express orders that no one whatsoever should see it, tho' Mr. Loveday offered a Crown to the servants he spoke with, to have a sight thereof. They said had he come half an hour sooner he might have seen it, it being then in the Kitchin, but it was now conveyed to some upper room (a chamber) of the House. Sr George is an ill-natured man. Mr. Loveday called purely upon my account, who suggested a Review to him. But 'tis a trifle not worth taking notice of, it being the same thing w^{ch} way ever it be wrote, and, I must needs say, regard is to be had to ¹⁰ the first copies (I mean all but Mr. Fysher's first copy, w^{ch} himself acknowledges to have been wrong) that were taken of this Stone.

Oct. 11 (Mon.). 'In B^p More's study, now I suppose at Cambridge public Library, I formerly saw the books of Hawking, Hunting, and Armory, usually ascribed to Julian Barnes, the book of Fishing was not there, or else it had been torn out; printed at St. Albans, 1486, in small folio, and had a remarkable note, writ in the beginning, under the hand of W^m Burton of Leicestershire to this effect: Julian Barnes said to be Author, her name should rather be Berners; daughter she was of Sr James Berners, of Berners Roding in Essex, sister to L^d Berners, Prioress of ²⁰ Sopewell; which you know was a Nunnery Cell & very near St. Albans. This the substance of my extracts, w^{ch} are in Latin; but whether Burton's note was so or in English, or what the words were *verbatim* I can't tell.' Dr. Tanner from Norwich to me, Sept. 20, 1731.

This morning M^{rs}. Eliz. Shepherd, wife of Mr. John Shepherd, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, was brought to bed of a daughter. It was baptized in St. Peter's Church in the East (tho' it had been as soon as born half christened) on Monday, Nov. 8th following, & M^{rs}. Shepherd church'd at the same time.

Oct. 12 (Tu.). Dr. Tanner believes when he hath met with some old ³⁰ men, he shall be able to give me some account of Luke Milburn, who was minister of Great Yarmouth in Norfolk for some years, and held a Country Living in that County till after he (the Doctor) came to be Chancellor of Norwich.

The Dr. designed to have went to Dorchester when he was last in Oxford, to see the stone found there, but he had not time.

Oct. 13 (Wed.). Sr James Mackenzie, Baronett, a Scottish Gent., called upon me yesterday & spent about an hour and half with me in the forenoon, & I spent the evening with him at his Inn (the King's Arms) in Holywell, a young Scottish Gentleman his companion, & Mr. Richard ⁴⁰ Clements, an Oxford bookseller, being with him. He is an ingenious Gentleman & related to the famous Sr George Mackenzie.

He is a great admirer of ancient history and antiquities. He said he spent some time in Oxford anno 1693, w^{ch} was some time before my coming to Oxford. He is acquainted with Mr. Rudiman, the Scottish Antiquarie, a modest, learned man of about 50 years of age. He is acquainted with Mr. Innys, who lately published two volumes in 8^{vo}, *de origine Scotorum*. This Mr. Innys is an old man and a secular priest.

He hath been forty years in France. He is near 70. He designs a large Volume in English of the Scottish Ecclesiastical History. Sr James much commended the said Innys's book, *de origine Scotorum*, notwithstanding he cuts off so many Scottish Kings, with Bp Lloyd & Bp Stillingfleet. He commended one Mr. Richard Mill, of Edinborough, a very strong, lusty man, of about four score years of age, who comes out but twice a week, and is a great admirer of antiquity, & hath a good Collection.

Oct. 14 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Oct. 11:—

- 10 The Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Dr. Isham advocate in matters relating to the Crown in the Place of Dr. Exton Sayer.

Yesterday I had the sight of an odd thing, found at Campden in Gloucestershire. It was sent by Mr. George Ballard for me to look upon. His Brother brought it, and I delivered it to him again. It is not Mr. Ballard's own. It was part of a Magick or conjuring Necklace or Bracelet, to be worn by way of amulet about the Neck.

- Oct. 15 (Fri.).** Hugo de Groot or Hugo Grotius prepared his edition of Martianus Capella, with the Annotations, for the Press when he was but fourteen years of age, tho' the Edition was not printed till a good
20 while after.

Mr. Wasse many years ago designed an Edition of Martianus Capella & had Collations from Oxford.

My friend, Dr. Wm Fullerton, the Physician's father, was a Scottish Bp and a very honest worthy man, as is likewise the Physician.

- Oct. 16 (Sat.).** Mr. Benj. Howell, upon receipt of my Letter, intended the day after to ride to Beachwood, w^{ch} is ten miles from Stagenhoo, but when he had gone above half way, he understood Sr Thomas Sebright was not in the Country, and thought he could have no access to the library, and so employed Capt. Warburton in the affair of Durandus, from
30 whom he received what follows: 'Presens rationalis divinatorum codex officiorum . . . est consummatus per Johannem Fust . . . et Petrum Bernklxym¹ . . . anno domini mcccc quinquagesimo nono, sexto die Octobris.' It is divided into eight books. There is an Index, but noe signatures at the bottom of the page.

- Oct. 17 (Sun.).** Last night I received of Mr. Loveday, of Magdalen College, who yesterday had his grace for the degree of Bach. of Arts, and was presented in the Convocation House at the same time to that degree, the following Inscription or Epitaph, w^{ch} is that w^{ch} is really engraved on a stately monument, erected in Westminster Abbey, to
40 Sr Isaac Newton, instead of that w^{ch} occurs above, vol. 129, April 30, 1731.

[Then follows the Inscription.]

¹ Note by Hearne:—'I believe it should be Grernesszheim.'

Oct. 18 (Mon.). Tuesday last, died the wife of old Mr. John Pepper, of St. Clement's, near Oxford, and was buried there yesterday.

From Mr. Loveday, of Magd. Coll.: Mapledurham, Oxfordshire, towards the east of the church on the floor is a long stone, representing a large and compleat figure in brass of a person in Armour, a Lion under his feet, with this Inscription at the bottom, 'Hic jacet Robertus Bardolf miles, qui obiit vicesimo die mensis Maii anno domini millesimo ccc^o lxxxx^o quinto, cujus animae propicietur deus. Amen'; some of the ornamental brass on the verge of the stone is gone. There is an estate called Bardolfs now in the parish.

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Last Thursday died Mrs. Airay, a young Woman of Holywell, Oxford, daughter of Mr. Pen, an Apothecary, and wife of Mr. Airay, a Taylour, an honest man. She died an hour after she had taken a mercurial purge, made up (as said) by her sister, by the direction, as is supposed, of her Father, a sad rogue. She was a very pretty body, and Dr. Felton had been accused by her, & prosecuted for being rude to her, of w^{ch} there are printed papers. Her husband upon that account was forced to fly, & he is still absent, the Dr. having proceeded with the utmost rigour against him.

Oct. 19 (Tu.). Walter Prise, Esq., of Hurst, near Reading; he hath 20 just entered a grandson Gentleman-Commoner of Magd. Coll., whose name is George Langton, Mr. Prise's present Lady (who is his second wife) being Mr. Langton's grandmother.¹ This George Langton's school-master [was]² Mr. Hiley, of Reading.

The said Walter Prise is an eminent Attorney and a very high Tory. He hath abundance of curious MSS. papers, relating to the late horrid Revolution, more (he saith) than any one hath besides. He hath also many MSS. papers, relating to Sr Walter Rawleigh, but none to his behaviour at the time of his Execution.

Oct. 20 (Wed.). The aforesaid Mr. Prise was born A. D. 1685.

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Mr. Thomas Bedford is about printing *Simeon Dunelmensis de origine*

Oct. 18, 1731. Rev. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 15. 96 and 97). Thanks H. for writing to Dr. Tanner. Mr. Baker has sent a message to Dr. Tanner asking him 'to consider me'. Sends to H. a copy of a MS. about a visit of King Charles to Little Gidding; but Mr. Ferrar, the owner of the MS., insists that it shall not be published, and that no one but H. shall be allowed to copy it. Some medals have been found at Marsh, together with the gold ring of a Roman Knight; they are in the possession of Mr. Snell. Sends to H. 'the Process between the monasteries of Ely and Ramsey'; the copy is by Thomas Bonfoy, LL.B., who will probably subscribe to *Hemingford*. P.S. (Oct. 19) Dr. Knight has just said that Dr. Tanner thinks it 'adviseable to have a person that understands the British Language for his chaplain, & he has no exception against me, and desires to hear further about me.'

Oct. 18, 1731. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 284). Has finished with Whethamstede's register.

¹ As Hearne tells us that Mr. Prise was only 46 years old, he could not have a grandson of age to go to Oxford. Probably Hearne means that the first husband of Mrs. Prise was named Langton, and that the boy was Mr. Prise's step-grandson.—Ed.

² Not in MS.

& *procursu ecclesiae Dunelmensis*, to w^{ch} he will add the anonymous little piece Mr. Smith had proposed to me to print (and I was ready) about the harsh dealings to one of the ancient bishops of Durham.

It seems they cannot find at Cambridge the copy of Juliana Barnes, printed at St. Alban's, with Mr. W^m Burton's MS. note, that belonged to the late B^p of Norwich, Dr. More. 'Tis on account of the MS. note I enquired lately after it.

Oct. 21 (Thur.). On Monday last I returned to Thomas Ward, Esq., a modern English MS. he had lent me, from w^{ch} I have transcribed
 10 a passage relating to Reginald Peacock, w^{ch} I shall print at the beginning of Hemingford.

Oct. 23 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mond.,
 Oct. 18 :—

At his seat at Hadham in Hertfordshire, is dead, aged near 90, the Rev. Dr. William Stanley, dean of St. Asaph, Archdeacon of London, and one of the Canon Residentiaries of St. Paul's.

The said Dr. Stanley drew up and printed a Catalogue of the MSS. of Bennet College in Cambridge, but his name is not to it. I know not whether he hath printed any thing else. He was a very covetous man.

20 Walter Prise, Esq., above-mentioned, hath got several MSS. things of the late Mr. Ed. Lhuyd's travells through Wales. One of them he lent to Moses Williams, who hath not restored it. Mr. Prise got them by being administrator, or at least by being employed as such.

One Mr. Dean is minister of Wolhampton, near Newbury. Mr. Willisot, an honest Roman Catholick, lives at Wolhampton.

Oct. 24 (Sun.). From Mr. Baker: Nov. 9, 1669, Ego Marmaducus Fothergill, Eboracensis, admissus sum Discipulus pro doctore Dowman [privato Fundatore]. Regr. Coll. Jo. Cant.

This was upon the Foundation. He might be admitted in the College
 30 a year or two sooner, but this makes him a very old man.

Marm. Fothergill, Coll. Jo., Art. Bac., anno 1673; Art. Mag., Coll. Jo., 1677. Regr. Acad.

He was a worthy man, and afterwards, at the time of the Revolution, (as I have formerly observed) became a Nonjuror.

In his youth he was wild, and was (I think) rusticated for a misdemeanor, which might put back his Degree.

Mr. Isham, Rector of Lincoln College, was originally of Queen's College in Cambridge: 'Oct. 28, 1714, Isham, Euseby Isham, Northampt.; Bull', after Dr. Bull, his Tutor. These are the words of the Register at
 40 Queen's Coll.

Dr. Knight has a very good Interest in Dr. Tanner; no man better, as (I am told) will appear at the Consecration of Dr. Tanner to the Bishoprick of St. Asaph. Mr. Baker hath desired him to recommend Mr. Jones to Dr. Tanner.

Oct. 25 (Mon.). Mr. Kuster, in his Edition of Suidas, has made great use of B^p Pearson's observations upon the same Author, whereof he

makes some short acknowledgment in the last Page of his Preface. The Bp's book, with marginal Annotations, is yet preserved at Trin. Coll., Cambridge, being an old edition of Suidas, printed Basileae MDXLIII, with the Bp's notes in the margin. These notes do not bear his name, but his hand is well known. *M^r. Baker.*

I have often heard it said that even the very best things all along in Kuster are Mr. Pearson's, and that he hath not made a due & proper acknowledgement thereof.

Oct. 26 (Tu.). In Mr. Wood's account of himself that I have printed in Caius, is a speech Mr. Wood made & spoke, when he was a youth at 10 Merton College, w^{ch} shews the custom & humour of that time. The Custom is since broke off at Merton, but there is something of it remaining at Brazenose & Balliol Coll., & nowhere else that I know of. I take the original thereof to have been a custom they had formerly for the young men to say something of their Founders & Benefactors, so that the Custom was originally very laudable, however afterwards turned to ridicule, as there are also abundance of ridiculous things in the book called *Festival*, notwithstanding the design of giving an Historical narration of the Saints be commendable; and 'tis pity 'twere not kept up, and at the same time an Historical Narrative interwoven of Founders of 20 Churches, &c. Ask Mr. Baker whether they have any such Custom at Cambridge. I think Mr. Isham, Rector of Lincoln College, hath told me that they have.

Oct. 27 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Oct 25, 1731:—

London, Oct. 23: This morning, part of the Lord Ashburnham's House near Westminster Abbey was destroyed by Fire, as also part of Dr. Bentley's fine Library, and some manuscripts of the Cotton Library, but the most valuable, called the Alexandrian Manuscripts, presented by the Patriarch of Constantinople to King James the first, have received no Damage. 30

Oct. 28 (Thur.). Besides Suidas, mentioned above, they have at Trin. Coll. in Cambridge Bp Pearson's notes, observations, & corrections upon Hesychius in three thin volumes folio, all MSS. Dr. Bentley many years since swaggered much, and gave us an expectation of an Edition of Hesychius, in his Letter to Dr. Mill, & the pains he had taken with that Author and corrections made three or four thousand, if I well remember. The MSS. are now (as Mr. Baker tells me) borrowed out of the Library by a member of that College, whether with design to give a new edition or no, I cannot say, or whether he has the assistance of Dr. Bentley. For my part, I wish the Bishop's notes were given all 40 exactly and faithfully by themselves.

Oct. 27, 1731. H. to Ballard (Ballard MS. 41. 11). 'The odd thing you sent by your brother for my sight is a piece of a magick bracelet or necklace'. Hopes that B., when he acquires a coin, makes a record where it was found. Thinks of publishing in *Hemingford* the coin of David II, which B. had given to H.

Oct. 29 (Fri.). No doubt but B^r Moore had such a book as Juliana Barnes, with a remarkable note of M^r. W^m Burton, the Leicester Antiquarie's. And yet there is no such book in the Bishop's Catalogues, nor in a Catalogue taken by Dr. Middleton, from the year 1460 to the year 1500, a copy whereof M^r. Baker hath by him. M^r. Haderton thinks he has seen the Book, but cannot meet with it. M^r. Baker is pretty well assured the Bishop lent out some books that were never returned, & some were conveyed away in a worse manner; this may have been one of them.¹

- ¹⁰ **Oct. 30 (Sat.).** The first and second numbers of the MSS., given by M^r. Ant. Wood to the Museum, are his Hist. & Antiquities of Oxford in English, with abundance of things omitted in the Latin Book and a great number added since. This book most certainly belongs to the Museum, tho' got from it, Dr. Charlett having had it many years, & he lent it to M^r. W^m Smith, now of Melsonby, who kept it a great while, and afterwards Charlett let Dr. Gardiner have it, who would not let it go to the Museum, pretending it belonged to him as Custos Archivorum, & that M^r. Wood had no right to dispose of it, the University having given him an hundred pounds for it, w^{ch} is very false, the Copy they bought of
²⁰ M^r. Wood being most faithfully delivered by him to them, & it went no

Oct. 29, 1731. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 149). 'I have procured a letter to be wrote in a fictitious name to Dr. Fisher about the Instruments, and transmitted the Inscription and received a very civil answer, but how to trust his Library Visitors I have a difficulty, though he promises they shall be faithfully restored. Dr. Middleton's answer is much more frank, and he has assured me that the papers shall never be lent out, tho' contrary to Cambridge custom.' Sends a print of an Ivory Chalice. There is to be a sale of the books of Dr. Smith; he was head-master of Merchant Taylors' school, a modest and learned man, in no ways blameable but for his too great mildness. It is said Mr. Brooks is to succeed Mr. Hall at Madrid, who brought thence a fistula which developed into cancer, so that there are no hopes of his life. Some think Mr. Brooks too old for such a voyage; in that case Dr. Butler, formerly of Magdalen Hall, might succeed; he has travelled abroad 'as Bearleader (as we call them) with several gentlemen and noblemen. He has the advantage of language, and an air *degagée*, proper for a Court chaplain. . . . The loss at the Cottonian is said to be very great, though others disguise it to excuse Dr. Bentley's great care of himself; for by the stove-chimney, lighted to air one of the rooms, came this accident. . . . Lord Oxford² and Speaker Onslow were present to encourage the workmen to save what they could, and their purses and presence added diligence. . . . Thomas Bedford, by a piece of parsimony to save three guineas, for collating an excellent MS. of Simeon Dunelmensis, I fear has now irretrievable lost the opportunity. . . . He has taken orders, and is going for some time to settle at Angiers in France, as chaplain, with S^r Robert Cotton, Bart. & his son, names well known at Preston and in the Fleet prison. I have herewith sent you two copies of the original instruments for Publick and St. John's Library, which, if to be possibly sent without notice taken, so let it be; otherwise to be kept by you, and sent back when the affairs in your hands are returned.'

Oct. 30, 1731. Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 96) [*see* Diary, Nov. 1].

¹ Note by Hearne: 'It is since found.'

² This name has been scratched through.—Ed.

farther than the printed book, but that w^{ch} Mr. Wood bequeathed by will to the Museum is quite another thing, & what he designed to have printed himself had he lived.

Oct. 31 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Thomas Carte called upon me and spent above two hours with me, and I had had some discourse with him in the evening before, after my return from my country walk.

He was formerly of Brasenose Coll., where he took the degree of Bach. of Arts. He is a Nonjuring Clergyman, tho' he does not wear the clergyman's habit.

He is an ingenious man, and hath printed several things, one about the 10 Irish Massacre.

He is the person that got in France the additions to & corrections of Thuanus, w^{ch} occasioned the Edition they are now carrying on at London of Thuanus.

He told me Montfaulcon is a man near 70 years of age, of a short stature, thick & well made, and that he works from 5 Clock in the morning constantly, very hard.

Mr. Carte said he, i. e. Mr. Carte himself, had an offer made to him of the Deanery of Windsor, but that he declined it on account of principles.

He said some time since he had a Conference with M^{rs}. Carter of 20 Aynhoe, a woman of sense, who endeavoured to perswade him to comply & take the Oaths, but that he confuted every thing she offered, to her confusion.

He said he came now to Oxford to consult Registers, in order to write the Life of the old Duke of Ormond, grandfather of the present Duke, w^{ch} he said he was put upon. He said the Vicechancellor had let him have a sight of the Registers in the School Tower, in w^{ch} there was any mention of him from the time of his being made Chancellor, anno 1669, to 1688, when he died. He said there were very few particulars in them. I advised him by all means to look over Mr. Wood's things at 30 the Mus. Ashm., particularly the two first numbers mentioned above.

He said the present Duke of Ormond had taken care all papers of his should be put into his hands, and that he actually had them.

Nov. 1 (Mon.). Mr. John Murray never yet saw any book of Juliana Barnes printed at St. Alban's. If he meets with any, he says he will be sure to give me an account of it.

He tells me, in his Letter from London of Oct. 30 last, he doubts not I have heard of our great Loss of part of the Cottonian Library, w^{ch} is kept there a great Secret, w^{ch} only Time must discover.

Nov. 2 (Tu.). I find that the Nonjurors in London, &c., will not 40 trust Mr. Carte, looking upon him as very ambiguous, being very great

Nov. 1, 1731. H. to Benjamin Howell (Rawl. 27 B. 406). Thanks for the letter of Oct. 5. Desires that Sir Thomas Sebright would say what is to be done with his copies of Trokelowe. They have long been at Mr. Bedford's 'now lately removed to Mr. Routh's, an apothecary, in the Borough of Southwark', and should have been called for.

Nov. 2, 1731. H. to Murray (Rawl. 112. 287). Returns Whethamstede's register. Longs for more information about the fire at the Cotton Library. It behoves men of learning to do what they can to preserve MSS. by printing.

with the Whiggs, and they say he goes to Court every day, and as he is likewise very great with many Tories (tho' perhaps not so great as he pretends) and professing himself likewise a Nonjuror, they say he hath two strings to his bowe, to be used by him as he shall see occasion. A reward was sometime ago offered to apprehend him; I think 'twas a thousand libs., upon w^{ch} he fled into France, but Sam Buckley (that great Whigg) going into France, by compact he delivered himself to Sam, and came back with him, and they say he had the money himself & nothing was done to him, so that 'twas but a Trick to get him a purse, 10 since which he hath lived in England, but the Nonjurors on this account, &c., think but meanly of him, and I have very often heard it said that Dr. Atterbury, the deprived B^p of Rochester, as he would not trust him in France, so he (M^r. Carte) is not in any of his secrets. This is what I have heard, but could wish all were false, & that he were a stanch Nonjuror. For he is a man of fine Parts.

Nov. 4 (Thur.). S^r George Oxinden married one of the Dunches. She is an extraordinary pretty woman. But S^r George is not only a very ill natured man, but keeps other women company and lyes with them, & will be out at his sports in Kent and other places, and make his own 20 wife be sometimes six weeks or more together by herself at Little Witnam.

M^r. Bateman, of X^t Church, preached this last Sunday in the Cathedral, & in his Prayer mentioned D^r. Stratford, who, besides his books to the College Library, left 120 libs. per an. to augment the Students' Places. This was so resented by the Canons that the Subdean afterwards reprimanded him for it; but I am sure 'twas well done in him, & it were to be wished all Founders & Benefactors were duly & constantly commemorated as they used to be in old time in their Prones. I am sure we should not then be at a loss to know who are Founders of & Benefactors 30 to Churches, &c.

The said M^r. Bateman is made Chaplain to D^r. Wake, archb^p of Canterbury, by the recommendation of D^r. Potter, B^p of Oxon.¹

There is but one vacancy this year at All Souls. M^r. Anstis, of Balliol College, a younger son of M^r. Anstis, the Herald, stood. The matter is come to a devolution. What the Archb^p will do, time will show. He gave it against the eldest son formerly, contrary to Statutes & Conscience, things little regarded in these times.

Nov. 5 (Fri.). M^r. Carte called upon me yesterday forenoon, & afterwards we spent the evening together in King's Street.² He goes out 40 of Town for London to-day.

I thought, I am sure I have heard, he had published several things;

Nov. 4, 1731. J. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 15) [see Diary, Nov. 6].

¹ Hearne adds in the margin: 'and presently after the Archbishop gave him a very good living.'

² The *Coach and Horses* inn was in King Street.—Ed.

but he told me he had printed only the little thing about the Irish Massacre.

His father, Mr. Samuel Carte, was of Magdalen Coll., Oxon., & is still living, being a minister at Leycester. This Mr. Samuel Carte hath printed a little thing in Latin about our Bishops in three sheets folio. He is Vicar of St. Martin's, Leycester. He took the degree of M.A., as a member of Magd. Coll., Oct. 21, 1675.

Mr. Thomas Carte, his foresaid son, was of Brazennose Coll., where he told me he took the Degree of Bach. Arts in 1702, and that he took the degree of M.A. at Cambridge. Ask Mr. Baker.

Dr. Bently is now printing Milton's Paradise Lost with his [Bently's] own emendations.

Dr. Bently is preparing an edition of Chaucer for the Press.

Dr. Tanner bought Archbp Sancroft's MSS. for 90 lbs.; I am told there are curious things among them relating to the Queen of Scots, particularly Anderson's collection. Mr. Carte was about purchasing these MSS. before Dr. Tanner, but the very day he was to have had them, the Proclamation came out for his Apprehension.

Mr. Carte designs an Account of the MSS. through England in Libraries, those at least that have not as yet been taken notice of, & treat particularly about History and Antiquities, with notes about their age.

He told me Mr. Greenaway, formerly Schoolmaster of Coventry, is in good earnest about the Antiquities of Wiltshire. I must remember to tell Dr. Tanner of this, who many years ago promised such a work.

Nov. 6 (Sat.). On Tuesday last, being the second instant, I returned Whethamstede's Register that belongs to the Heralds' Office. Mr. Anstis had sent it me by Mr. Murray, who gave a receipt for it. I had a Letter from Mr. Anstis last night, dated the 4th, that it was delivered to him safe.

Mr. Anstis went one day this week to the Dormitory, new built for the 30 Westminster Scholars, which is very near to the place where the King's and the Cotton libraries are placed. There he found several persons, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, who hath taken all the care imaginable about preserving the remainders of the Cotton MSS. that escaped the fire, & for the cleaning those that have been injured by the water plaid on the House by the Engines. Every person that hath any Tast either for learning in general or that of our History and Antiquities in particular, must be affected for a loss that is irreparable. It is impossible to make any estimate of the number entirely lost, or of the damaged ones, untill it shall be known how many remain, & then to 40 collate them with the Catalogue. Some few Presses escaped with no other damage than that some wett is got into the books, so as probably most of those that remain must be new bound. It may be easily imagined how the parchment ones are crumpled in such manner as 'tis supposed no Art can reduce them. 'Tis well if half the number may be found to be capable of being made serviceable. 'Tis however possible this computation may be wrong, for there can be no Estimate as yet made. The fire fell, as Mr. Anstis guesses, upon those Presses which contained most of our Monkish Historians.

Nov. 7 (Sun.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Nov. 1, 1731 :—

The Rev. Mr. Cooke is advanced to the Living of Hornsey in Middlesex, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Lewis Atterbury deceased.

He was elder Brother of Dr. Francis Atterbury, the deprived B^p of Rochester.

Nov. 8 (Mon.). This being the Visitation of the Bodl. Library, the Speech was spoke by Mr. Oliver Battely, Student of X^t Church and Junior Proctor of the Univ. for 1731.

- 10 Dr. Francis Atterbury, the deprived B^p of Rochester, is upon a work about the Canon of Scripture, w^{ch} he will endeavour to settle most accurately, in order to w^{ch} he gets MSS. consulted for him. So Mr. Tho. Carte told me t'other day, who added that the B^p had sometime since employed him to consult the Alexandrian MS. for him.

Dr. Ibbotson, whose death hath been mentioned some time agoe,¹ is Dr. Richard Ibbetson, formerly fellow of Oriel College, a man of good learning, who published Marcus Antoninus & one or two Sermons. He was a Lambeth Doctor only, & was a great Whig, tho' a good natured man.

- 20 In Bennett Coll. Libr., W. iv, p. 64 of the Catalogue, is mention made of *Litterae multae Universitatem Oxon' concernentes, praesertim circa annum 1400 et deinceps*. 'Twas Archb^p Warham's book. Quaere what sort of Letters they are.

Nov. 9 (Tu.). There was a dreadfull fire lately at Barnwell by Cambridge, which consumed the greatest part of the Town; but tho' the fire did not reach Cambridge, yet the loss did, & St. John's College in particular has lost above 1,000 libs. by it.

- Mr. Peck intends to give us a fourth volume of the Monasticon, with other things of value concerning Leicestershire & Rutland. He has been
30 very fortunate in his Enquiries, & one thing of value was found in an House of Ease. So Mr. Baker tells me in a Letter of last month. This is the same Mr. Peck that published one Vol. in folio of the Antiquities of Stanford & designed another.²

Nov. 10 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Nov. 8 :

The Rev. Dr. Foulkes, Canon of X^t Church, Canon Residentiary of Exeter and Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majesty, was lately installed Precentor of the Church of Exeter.

Mr., commonly called Dr., Ibbetson was Precentor before.

Nov. 7, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 86) [*see* Diary, Nov. 14, 15, 16].

¹ See Sept. 15.—Ed.

² A note at the end of the volume : 'Nov. 9 died Mr. Green of Oxford, chandler, brother to Mr. Green late of Chilswell Farm, now of Charley Farm, near Abbington, Berks.'

Nov. 11 (Thur.). Dr. Middleton is principal Librarian of the University of Cambridge. Remember to ask Mr. Baker what his particular business is and whether he hath any authority over the Keeper of the University Library.

Nov. 12 (Fri.). To ask Mr. Baker what 'tis they are doing about a Charter for that University. I have heard once (and but once yet) of some dark story, as if they had lost their Charter, or indeed never had any.

Mr. Sandford, of Balliol College, told me yesterday that Savage's *Balliofergus* is a strangely faulty book even in the very Transcripts of 10 Evidences, none of them being copied right or exactly.

Nov. 13 (Sat.). Out of Magd. Coll. Library MS. (from w^{ch} I have printed Hemingford Chronicon Edwardi III), among certain miscellaneous old notes is as follows:—

[Hearne here gives three pages of extracts. They are historical notices of no importance.]

Nov. 14 (Sun.). Mr. Peck is now at Cambridge, towards perfecting his Collections for a fourth and fifth Volume of Dugdale's Monasticon, already pretty compleat. But he first intends to give us a Survey of Leycestershire, having hit upon an original of Mr. W^m Burton's Book 20 with great Improvements by that Author; as likewise several miscellaneous things by Abraham Fleming, who had a hand in the second Edition of Holingshed's Chronicle, whence you will have the secret of the Castration of that Chronicle fully explained. His (Mr. Peck's) Collections are almost incredible for a man tyed down to a Country Cure. So Mr. Baker from Cambridge, Nov. 7, 1731. Mr. Peck's abilities are known from his Antiquities of Stamford, of w^{ch} he hath given us one Volume in Folio & designed another, but when 'twill come out I know not. In that work he had a great number of other men's Papers, & so it may be he has in what he hath now in hand. 30

Nov. 15 (Mon.). Mr. Baker finds by a Catalogue of Bp Moore's MSS., taken by the late Mr. Humphr. Wanley, that Juliana Barns's book was then among the MSS., but what is strange (saith Mr. Baker) from so accurate a man as Mr. Wanley, he has not given us the Date either of time or place; and these MSS. being now in the utmost confusion, tho' Mr. Baker turned a great many with Dr. Middleton's and Mr. Peck's assistance, he could neither meet with that nor the Monk of St. Alban's.

Nov. 16 (Tu.). *The Historie of Great Britannie, declaring the Successe of times and affaires in that Iland from the Romans first Entrance untill the Reigne of Egbert, &c. London, printed by Valentine Simmes, 40 1606, 4^{to}*, was wrote by John Clapham, no very noted Author; John Milton (who takes in that Period) I believe is more read. And yet even Milton was infinitely better at Poetry than History.

Nov. 15, 1731. William Holwell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 399). Before Christmas a friend will call for *Caius* and pay for it.

Nov. 16, 1731. West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 317) [see Diary, Nov. 24].

Nov. 18 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Nov. 15:—

Cambridge, Nov. 11. The Validity of the Jurisdiction that the University pretends to over the Town, by Virtue of their Charter, being called in Question last Term by some eminent Lawyers, where they had occasion to plead a Case between the Town and the University; on the 5th the University in a full Convocation passed an Act of Grace, empowering the Vice-Chancellor solely to take the Opinions of the best Council at their Expence.

London, Nov. 12. Since the account, in our Mercury of the 25th past, of
10 the loss of the famous Cottonian Library by Fire, we hear that several curious Persons, well acquainted with its flourishing State, have been to examine into the Nature of the Loss, and have already discovered that the greatest part of those valuable manuscripts are destroyed by Fire, or irreparably damaged by the Water made use of upon that Occasion, particularly one of the originals of Magna Charta . . . several antient Papal Bulls, the Original Council Books (for the clandestine embezzling of which, the founder, Sir Robert Cotton, Bart., was examined in the Star Chamber), and great Variety of other valuable Manuscripts were perished. Such a Treasure of English History was here
20 repositied that no particular nation nor age could boast the like, and the Loss is irretrievable, as few Copies had been taken of the Manuscripts.

Nov. 19 (Fri.). On Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1731, I borrowed from Magd. Coll. Libr., Oxon., a thin fol. MS. in vellum, being a Chronicle of England to 1284. 'Tis done by way of Annals, but there is hardly anything but what is in Polychronicon. 'Tis interleaved indeed & several additions made by a much later hand, but those additions are from Matt. Paris, &c. The Interleavings are Paper.

[Then follow three pages of extracts.]

At the same time I borrowed from the same Library a MS. of Ranulph Higden, entitled at the beginning by James Tyrrell, Esq., who had
30 perused it, *Ranulphi Higden Polychronicon ad A.D. 1377*.

[Then follow four pages of an extract about Wickliff.]

Nov. 20 (Sat.). On Thursday, Nov. 11, I borrowed from the said Library of Magd. College a fine old Parchment Roll from Adam to Hen. VI.

[Then follow six pages of extracts.]

Nov. 21 (Sun.). Besides the said Roll, was likewise lent me at the same time Num. 53, in which is Hemingford's Ed. III, that I have printed. Also a thick quarto MS. in vellum, marked 4. I returned the said Roll and two MSS. to Mr. Loveday on Sat. morning, Nov. 13.

Nov. 17, 1731. H. to Lord Oxford (Diaries 132. 135). Asks for the loan of *Benedictus Abbas Petriburgensis*, being a transcript by Wanley of Cott. MS. Julius A. 11.

Nov. 20, 1731. P. Harcourt to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 341). Is writing to his tutor, Mr. Bouchier, to receive and pay for the books. Remembers with pleasure the benefit he has received from H.'s company.

Nov. 22 (Mon.). From the Northampton Mercury for Nov. 15, 1731:—

Mr. William Brown of Wadham College in Oxford was lately married to Miss Wallis of Queen Street, near Golden Square, London, a Lady of 20,000*l.* fortune.

NB. This Gentleman was a Commoner, and is now a Bach. of Arts, of Wadham College, and courted (& 'tis said was, as it were, engaged to) the youngest daughter, Ketty Whistler (a very pretty young Woman, but without Fortune) of Mr. Whistler, one of the yeomen Beadles of the University of Oxford.

On Oct. 25, 1731, Mr. Smith of Caversham told Mr. Loveday that the Earl of Oxford gave 130 lbs. for Dr. South's Collection of Pamphlets.

Nov. 23 (Tu.). From a Letter to Mr. Loveday from Mr. Deodatus Bye, dated at Maidstone Nov. 19, 1731, communicated to me by Mr. Loveday, Sunday Evening, Nov. 21:—

Dear Sir,

In answer to your last, be pleased to take the following account. As the Sexton was digging a Grave in our Church, by accidentally removing a little stone he struck light into the vault of J. Wotton, first Master of Maidstone College. I desired him to enlarge the Passage and to goe in. The place we found to be eight feet long and four feet wide, wherein we discovered two bodies, which (by the position of the bones) plainly appeared to have been disturbed. The Hair upon one of the Sculls was remarkably seen. The Vessel of Pewter (whereof I have sent you by this post the Draught) was thrown down and the Cover was some distance from it; what use this Vessel was of, no one that has seen it will venture to say. My Conjecture is this. Observing two niches to be in the sides of the Wall that runs up at the head and the feet of the monument, & that there are now remaining a Door to each nich with three key holes to each Door, I am persuaded these niches or sacred Cupboards were Places wherein the Sacramental Elements with the holy Vessels, the Registers, &c., were kept. The three keys were according to Canon. Our Vestry, I find, has not been long built, I therefore believe that the Vessel aforesaid was to hold the consecrated wafers, and it might be (the Parish or the College having a silver one) by Authority thrown in, or by chance through the nearness of the Place it might drop in, when the vault was opened to receive the last Corps. The Letters on the thin plate of brass fixt at the bottom might be *Hoc est corpus meum*. Let me have your thoughts upon the Whole.

I take the said Vessel to have been an holy Water Pot [only it seems to be too small. It was rather that w^{ch} was placed in the Amrye, cut in

Nov. 22, 1731. Rev. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 13). Has written to Mr. Ferrar to see if his objections to the printing of his records can be overcome [see also Diary, Nov. 26 and 27, taken from this letter]. Is to dine with Dr. Tanner next week. Is forced to humour a brittle Constitution, and cannot endure any close application to study for more than an hour.

Nov. 22, 1731. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 221). For not writing he begs excuse 'upon account of the vast fatigue I have this month and more been under, in leaving a place where I had lived comfortably above 30 years, putting up my old books for Oxford, and parting with old friends.' [See also letter of Nov. 25.]

the wall, in w^{ch} the Sacrament of the Lord's Body, the holy Oyl for the sick, and the Chrismatorie used to be kept¹].

One Barnes of St. Aldate's in Oxford, a Freeman of the City, having set up a waggon last summer to carry goods to and from London, without the Vice Chancellour's Licence, he was put into the Vice Chancellour's Court by Mr. Thomas Godfrey and the widow Slatford, the two licensed Waggoners, but he declined appearing; upon w^{ch} he was committed to the Castle, where he continued about a week, and then was removed by Habeas Corpus to London, where no one appearing against
10 him, he was dismissed immediately, and on Friday, Nov. 19, he was returned to Oxford in a triumphant manner with a laced Hat, as if he designed to insult the University.

Nov. 24 (Wed.). Mr. West tells me, in a Letter from the Inner Temple of the 16th inst., that our Loss in the Cottonian Library, tho' very great, is not so extensive as imagined. Mr. Casley hath promised him the Particulars as soon as they can be examined, of w^{ch} Mr. West saith he will not fail to send me an account.

Dr. Rawlinson hath lately engraven an Ivory Cup. Enquire what it is.

On Saturday last Mr. Newell, a young M.A., Fellow of Merton Coll.,
20 was thrown by his Horse, as he was riding in the afternoon between Oxford and Adwell by Tetsworth. He was thrown a little above Shottover Hill. He was Minister of Adwell, being born there. The Horse fell upon his Head, which so crushed it that he never spoke after, but died a few hours after at Pert's, a single Ale House by Horsepath. He was buried at Adwell last night, Nov. 23.

Nov. 25 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury, Monday, Nov. 22,
1731:—

The Rev. Dr. Denn, son-in-law to the late Bishop of Rochester [Dr. Atterbury], archdeacon of Rochester, Vicar of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, and Rector of St. Margaret's in Rochester, is preferred to the Living of Lambeth, reckoned
30 worth 300 lib. per Annum, void by the death of the Rev. Dr. Ibbetson, the last incumbent.

Dr. Tanner tells me from London [in a letter] of the 22nd that, whereas I mentioned to him Mr. John Jones, he will have great regard to my Recommendation, and if he answers the Character I gave of him, he will be ready to prefer him as soon as in his power, and one or two that have immediate dependance on him are provided for. He says Providence has ordered his lot to fall now in North Wales, and not in South Wales, as first talked of, where he is told most part of the service and duty is in Welch, and he
40 should be glad to find Mr. Jones a North Wales man; however, by his skill in the Welch language, he says he trusts he will be able to discharge the Cure of any parish that he may be in time able to give him.

Nov. 26 (Fri.). The Rev. Mr. Thomas Ferrar, of Little Gidding in Huntingdonshire, hath some thoughts of publishing at some time or other divers Papers relating to the Family of the Ferrars in K. Charles I's time,

¹ The words in brackets are an addition by Hearne and contain his second thoughts. There is a sketch of the vessel in the Diary; it has the appearance of a Chalice.—Ed.

he being a descendant, and I am told he is a good and worthy Clergyman and so esteemed, tho' of different Principles (as hath been insinuated to me) from his famous Predecessor Nicholas Ferrar. But if he print anything, 'twill not be in hast, he being slow and not very resolute in his Determinations.

In the Ashmolean Museum is a Letter or two of the Lady Elizabeth, daughter of K. Charles I, written (I think) during her Confinement, &c. 'Tis amongst S^r W. Dugdale's Manuscripts; see the Title and Number at the latter end of S^r William's MSS. in the Catalogue MSS. Angl. & Hiberniae.

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Nov. 27 (Sat.). One M^r. Bonfoy of Huntingdonshire, who is Batch. of Laws, is a young Gentleman of great parts and industry, and very studious of antiquities, and applys himself earnestly to the study of the Common Law, so that in all probability he will make a great man. He has been lately taken notice of, to his great honour, by the L^d Raymond & highly encouraged.

M^r. Jones above-mentioned is not so well skilled in the ancient Brittish as in the modern, having had no opportunities to acquaint himself with the former. But the chief Discouragement, he says, is a brittle Constitution, w^{ch} hinders him from that close application w^{ch} would be 20 otherwise made by him.

Nov. 28 (Sun.). My Brother in Law, Dean, informs me about Beaconsfield, as follows. It was formerly a common field with a Beacon in it, it lying so on a hill, so that it gave light to another in Kent on a hill called God's hill, 18 miles from London, likewise to one at Pen (which is there now) and to one in the forest on Bagshot Heath. Beaconsfield being a pleasant place, the Saxons took a liking to it, and there being plenty of very good water, they builded some houses on one side the Common first, and then the Church and the Steeple, and the beacon was on the top of the Steeple, and 'tis said they could then see it to Borton 30 Hill in Kent, w^{ch} is 5 miles from Canterbury. So that the place being pleasant, the Common was at length all inclosed, and a sort of street was made through it, w^{ch} at length became a small town, and buildings being added more and more, at last it became a pretty Country town. He hath searched the Church after some old Grave Stones, but the oldest that hath any reading on it is in 1604. Nor hath he met with any thing concerning building any part of the Church.

Nov. 29 (Mon.). What I have printed about K. Charles I's escape from Oxford in Walter Hemingford is undoubtedly genuine, being sent me by M^r. Baker from Originals.

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M^r. Baker tells me, in his Letter of Sept. 9th last, that M^r. Lewis printed only 160 Copies of Wicklif's Testament, most of w^{ch} were subscribed for, but not one Subscription (as far as M^r. Baker hath observed) from any of the University of Oxford, tho' the Translator Wickliff were

Nov. 29, 1731. Daniel and Ann Dean to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 267). They write that Brother William is very ill, and that the doctor thinks he will not recover.

no inconsiderable member of our Body. This Mr. Baker mentioned the rather, because he believes not any one Copy of the Book will come to Oxford. What Mr. Russell (who was of Merton College and had the same or a more extended design) will say to it, I cannot say. But I must needs say I cannot see what use it will be of to print this Translation, being indeed nothing else but a Translation of the vulgar Latin, Wickliff or whoever did it (for I take it to be some body else or perhaps several, tho' 'twas much countenanced by Wickliff) being wholly ignorant of the Greek Tongue. MSS. are so very common of what is called Wickliff's
 10 Bible and Wickliff's Testament, that 'twas sufficient to inspect the MSS. upon occasion without printing the work.

Mr. Casley's price for transcribing MSS. of the Cotton Library is 1s. 6d. per sheet.

Nov. 30 (Tu.). Mr. Beckett of Abbington called upon me on Monday, the 22nd inst., and told me that the Roll of the Compotus of Barton by Abbington, tho' formerly given to him by the Recorder of Abbington, yet was demanded of him again by the Recorder, who said 'twas not his own to give away. Mr. Beckett said he was very willing to restore it, provided it might be put in the place to w^{ch} it really belonged,
 20 viz. the Hospital of Abbington.

Mr. Beckett at the same time told me he was well acquainted with Dr. Derham, and that the Dr. had been last summer four or five days at Abbington, at w^{ch} time, I suppose, it was that the Dr. copied the Dorchester Inscription, or at least got it copied for himself.

Dec. 1 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Nov. 29 :

On Thursday night, Nov. 25, was decently interred at the West End of St. James's Church Yard, Westminster, the Corpse of the late very Rev. Mr. Henry Hall, formerly of St. John's Coll. in Cambridge, who had travelled very much in Foreign Parts, from whence he was but lately returned. He
 30 was an accomplished Gentleman of singular Learning, Modesty, and other valuable Qualifications, which in other Times might have rendered him an ornament to the highest station in his Profession, justly lamented by all who enjoyed the Happiness of his Acquaintance. He dyed in the 59th year of his Age, wasted by the torturing gradual Decay of a Cancer, under which he had laboured for some months before ; and during which tedious Indisposition, he behaved with a Patience and Christian Gallantry, uncommon in an Age degenerate like the present, unless supported by the Assistance of a Good Conscience.

Nov. 30, 1731. Benjamin Howell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 408). Sir Thomas Sebright says that, as soon as Parliament meets, he will call for his volumes [see letter of Nov. 1].

Nov. 30, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 88 [see Diary, Dec. 3 and 5].

Nov. 30, 1731. Rev. John Jones at Bluntisham to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 15). Acknowledges a letter from H. ; thanks for speaking for him to Dr. Tanner. 'As for Preference, that is not so much my aim as what I already hinted to you ; tho' you may be sure the better the Benefice is that Providence shall allot to me, the more acceptable upon account of the more extensive ability of doing good.' Tho' a native of S. Wales, he knows the speech of N. Wales, which is reckoned the purer. 'I don't doubt to accomplish myself, through the Divine Assistance, to discharge my Duty in every particular to the satisfaction and Benefit of those I shall have to do with.'

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pp. 1-48. Notes on Robert of Gloucester and Peter Langtoft, made by Hearne in 1724.

pp. 49-164. Notes, chiefly on printed books, lent to Hearne by Mr. Ward in the year 1725.

Dec. 3, 1731 (Fri.). Mr. Baker, in a Letter from Cambridge of Nov. 30, 1731, tells me that Dr. Knight showed him a Letter from Mr. Gale, from some that had been scrutazing [*sic*] the Cottonian Library. By his account 160 volumes are burnt, a third part of the rest damnified, and that more might have been saved, had not Dr. Bently taken more care of his own Lumber than of the books. This Loss will put a value 10 upon copies; some few Mr. Baker hath, not considerable; he hopes I have more.

I have indeed copies of many papers from the Cotton Library among Dr. Thomas Smith's MSS., otherwise I have nothing, I think, hardly but what I have printed, excepting Thomas Otterbourne's Chronicle transcribed at my Expense from that Library by Mr. Casley, which I intend to print after I have done with Hemingford's Ed. I, &c., now almost finished.

Dr. Stanley, that published the Catalogue of Bennett Coll. Library, has been supposed to be the Author of a very pretty Book, *The faith & practice of a Church of England Man*. This, however, has been questioned, 20 & yet no other Author named that I can hear of. Mr. Baker.

This morning, died of a mortification (two of his toes on one leg having been lately cut off) Mr. Combes, master printer of that side of the Oxford New printing House where they print Bibles and Common Prayers. He was in the 66th year of his age. [He was buried in St. Ebb's Church, Sunday night, Dec. 5.]

Dec. 4 (Sat.). Father Montfaucon is near 70 years old, as I was lately told by Mr. Carte. He is a man of a very strong Constitution, and takes an incredible deal of pains.

Mr. Dodwell, in his Discourse of Incense, gives an account of the 30 Author *de Antichristo*, published under the name of Hippolytus, and observes that the Author is an Impostor. His Observations on that score are much such as he hath noted in the margin of his copy of Hippolytus, that I have taken notice of in my Preface now printing to Hemingford's Edw. I.

Dec. 5 (Sun.). Mr. Baker thinks the Custom I spoke to him of, about praising ancestors, viz. Founders and Benefactors (wh^{ch} seems to have been the original of the odd speeches at Merton College, of wh^{ch} you have a specimen in Mr. Wood's account of his own life that I printed in Caius) is, or ought to be, observed for some private Founders. Such an 40

Dec. 2, 1731. West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 318). 'You judge rightly of the excellency of Lord Pembroke's collection of MSS., but my Lord's age and business hinders a frequent access or perfect knowledge of them.' [See also Diary, Dec. 6.]

Oration they lately had in St. John's and some other Colleges at Cambridge, upon encouragement from Dr. Green (Author of the *Greenian Philosophy*) before his death & somewhat, he thinks, left by will for that use, if that will do any service towards reviving the custom, in itself very laudable.

L^d Oxford told Mr. Baker at Cambridge above a week since, viz. last Friday was sennight, that he had no particular account of the loss at the Cotton Library, w^{ch} Mr. B. wondred at. But they are yet in confusion, and there may be mistakes in Mr. Gale's account (mentioned above) after
10 scrutinizing the Library.

Dec. 6 (Mon.). Mr. West, in his Letter from the Inner Temple of the 2nd, tells me 'tis still impossible to form any guess of our Loss in the Cotton Library. They take what pains they can to preserve and repair such as are damaged, and the Learned world owes this obligation to the present Speaker of the House of Commons (Onslow), whose Industry hath been very great. Mr. West thinks the number of Cotton's MSS. were 965, of w^{ch} he says 780 are entirely saved; so that at that rate 185, and not only, as Mr. Gale 160, are lost. The most valuable, he says, yet missed are the Saxon Charters, preserved in the Drawers, and the ancient
20 MS. of the Book of Genesis, which we must ever deplore.

Dec. 7 (Tu.). B^p Atterbury was Author of one of the Latin Versions of Absalom and Achitophel. I know not who did the other, tho' his name is somewhere, as I remember, in Ant. a Wood.

Trinity College Case in Oxford was wrote, I think, by Mr. Cranck.¹

Queen's College Case was written by Dr. Crosthwait and Mr. Francis Thompson.

Dr. Broxholme made an excellent speech to the College of Physicians, as usual every year, on the 29th of October last. 'Tis much commended by its Elegancy. 'Tis since printed in 4^{to}.

30 **Dec. 8 (Wed.).** It hath been objected that the late B^p of Norwich, Dr. Lloyd, who was deprived, did not insist on his right when in London; the contrary to w^{ch} is quite evident, he there ordaining Mr. Amy in that great city in a publick church, as may appear from the Instrument that

Dec. 6, 1733 John Clark, apothecary in High Wycombe, to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 217). Writes that H.'s brother is slightly better; it was thought his legs would have mortified, but he has some feeling in them. He would like to see H. 'if business will give leave'; if not, would like to have a letter.

Dec. 8, 1731. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 62 = 39. 152). Thanks R. for his present. Has delivered the two parcels, one to Mr. Fisher for the Publick Library, the other to Dr. Holdsworth for St. John's Library. 'I have heard it said you are the Editor, and that by more than one, and they were Non-jurors that said it, which I mention that you may see that 'tis not a very great secret.'² Has called on the widow Fletcher; she said R. had acted honourably; she would speedily order the books to be called and paid for.

Dec. 9, 1731. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 153). Desires H. to keep the books designed for Bodley and St. John's Library till further directions, 'as it is not improbable some friendly passenger may do the kind office without

¹ Probably the Rev. Edward Cranke, Fellow of Trinity College.—Ed.

² This sentence occurs only in the rough copy (39. 152). Ed.

is printed with other remarkable Instruments relating to the New Consecrations, where appears the Instrument of Dr. Hickea's consecration and Dr. Hickea's own account of his going over to K. James II, and of his Majestie's commission for continuing the Succession of Bishops, and that he would own none but the Nonjuring Bishops for the true bishops of the Church of England, should there be an establishment or settlement.

discovery. The Grubb Street is full of a piece said to be published concerning you by Bilstone, despised by your friends.'

Dec. 13, 1731. H. to [his brother-in-law, Dean] (*draft*, (Rawl. 39. 152 A). Thanks for his account of Beaconsfield [*see* Diary, Nov. 28]. Hears that brother William is better; 'affairs will not permit me to come over.'

Dec. 16, 1731. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 79). Thanks for the copies of *Caius* which H. had presented to him. He sends subscription money for *Hemingford*, 17 guineas in all.

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